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City pleads for sell-off delay as share prices continue plunge

Lawson decision day on BP

- **The Chancellor is expected to decide today whether to withdraw the British Petroleum issue after another day of sinking share prices on the London market**
- **President Reagan's first budget "council of war" with Congress ended with a commitment to reach a political compromise on spending priorities**
- **An American businessman who lost a fortune in the Wall Street crash shot two people in his broker's office before killing himself**
- **Labour leaders reacted angrily to Mr Nigel Lawson's refusal to make a statement in the Commons on the stock market crisis**

By Kenneth Fleet

After another day of sinking share prices the London market is looking to the Government for emergency assistance.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer is expected to say today whether he is prepared to withdraw the £7.2 billion British Petroleum issue which now hangs like an albatross around the City's neck.

The feeling that Mr Nigel Lawson would yield to pressures from within the Cabinet and from financial institutions and bankers in London and New York was strong enough yesterday to raise both spirits and prices from the new depths to which they had fallen.

The FT-SE 100 share index, which earlier had plumeted by 157 points, had recovered to 1684.1 by the close, a fall of 111.

The FT 30 share index followed a similar course, closing 89 points lower at 1307.1.

The 100 share index has fallen by 31 per cent and the 30 share index by 32 per cent from their peaks of July 16.

The aggregate worth of shares dropped another £24.2 billion yesterday, making a total of £125.56 billion in the last nine dealing days.

Withdrawing the BP issue would save those committed to take up the shares – the underwriters and sub-underwriters – from incurring instant losses running into many millions.

Possible losses of £800 million might cause bankruptcies among smaller firms, have a ripple effect on confidence and drive the markets down even further.

It is clear that as a means of extending private shareownership the BP privatization is already a dead duck. With BP shares quoted in the market at 266p no private investor could sensibly contemplate paying the offer price of 330p.

But if the sale is stopped there might be a long term, adverse effect on the Government's finances which stand to benefit from the proceeds of the issue, as well as some damage to the credibility of the Chancellor.

Mr Lawson, who has dismissed the market collapse as "rather absurd", feels strongly that underwriters are paid handsomely to take the kind of risks they are now complaining about.

NM Rothschild, the merchant bank chiefly concerned with the issue, and the brokers Hoare Govett and Wood Mackenzie, were at the Treasury yesterday pleading for postponement, partly on the grounds of the damage a flop on this scale might do to international stock markets.

On behalf of the underwriters they also pointed out that according to the terms of the share offer, "termination" was possible "in the event of a material change in relevant circumstances".

They argued that the collapse in international stock markets was "a material change." Moreover, if the offer is withdrawn, the sale of BP shares internationally would also be dropped.

Much of the pressure on the Treasury to relent comes from the United States where four leading investment banks, Goldman Sachs, Morgan Stanley, Salomon Brothers and Shearson Lehman have taken 480 million BP shares at the 330p offer price, with a view to marketing them among US investors. At current prices in a market shot to pieces they stand to lose around £225 million.

London yesterday found itself between the upper millstone of a disastrous reopening of the Honk Kong market, which saw the Hang Seng index lose a third of its value, and the nether millstone of a weak opening on Wall Street. The Tokyo market's fall was a relatively restrained 7 per cent.

In New York the Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 157 points to 1793.93. The market had little positive to feed on. The meeting of President Reagan with Congressional leaders to discuss the huge Federal Budget deficit, one of the basic reasons why Wall Street has crumbled, does not get seriously underway until today. Yesterday's session was apparently only for pictures for the history books.

The US dollar took another caning in the foreign exchange markets of the world, dropping to three German marks. The pound gained disproportionately, touching $1.70 before the Bank of England intervened to bring the rate down to $1.68, a gain of a cent on the day.

The strengthening of the pound prompted a rise in London money market rates. Dealers sensed another half-point reduction in bank base rates, following Friday's cut.

The Bank of England intimated that it was not ready to play ball yet, but the possibility of lower base rates remains if money and foreign exchange markets continue to give the same signals.

● In his speech to the Stock Exchange, the Chancellor yesterday made his strongest appeal for calm to the financial markets, and emphasized the Government's continued commitment to wider share ownership (Our Economics Correspondent writes).

But he also delivered a veiled attack on the monetary authorities in Germany, for their refusal to relax policy in the wake of the worldwide stock market collapse.

Mr Lawson said in the speech, which came after the

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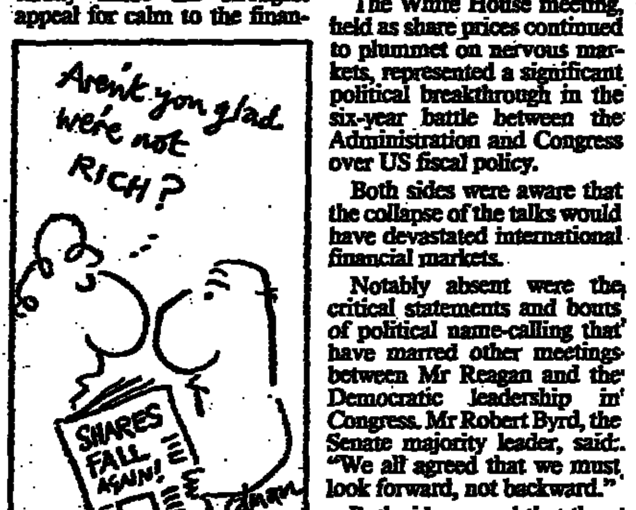
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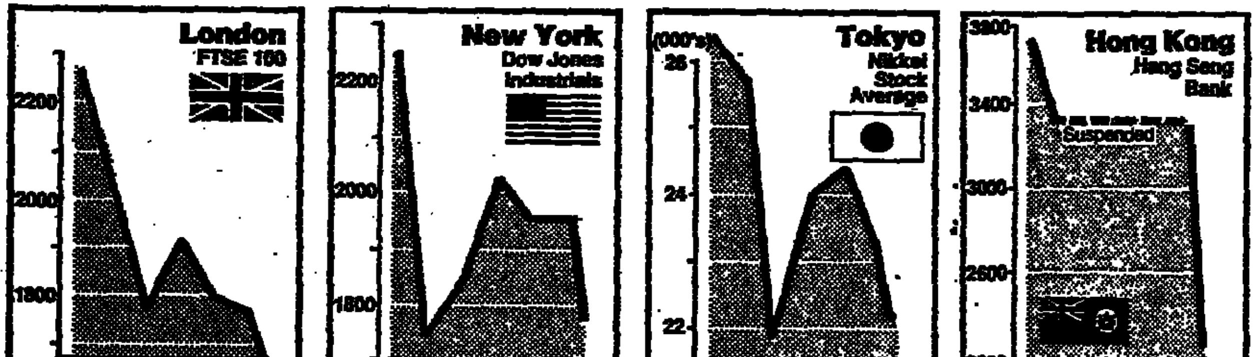

On the spot: Tullet & Tokyo foreign exchange brokers under pressure as they deal on the spot dollar/mark market in London yesterday. Graphs illustrate another day of plummeting prices on stock markets. (Photographs: Peter Trievnor)

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Reagan and Congress agree to compromise

From Bailey Morris, Washington

President Reagan and congressional leaders concluded their first "council of war" on the American budget deficit yesterday with a firm commitment to achieving a political compromise on spending priorities – which could include revenue increases.

The White House meeting, held as share prices continued to plummet on nervous markets, represented a significant political breakthrough in the six-year battle between the Administration and Congress over US fiscal policy.

Both sides were aware that the collapse of the talks would have devastated international financial markets.

Notably absent were the critical statements and bouts of political name-calling that have marred other meetings between Mr Reagan and the Democratic leadership in Congress. Mr Robert Byrd, the Senate majority leader, said: "We all agreed that we must look forward, not backward."

Both sides agreed that there would be no specific targets or deadlines.

The President and his economic advisers met the leaders of Congress for slightly more than an hour yesterday and concluded that a compromise could be achieved.

Mr James Wright, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, said: "There are ways to achieve the agreement once we get the agreement." He has been the most sceptical of Mr Reagan's apparent change of heart in accepting higher taxes to reduce the deficit.

Questioned yesterday on whether Wall Street could be confident in the process, Mr Wright said that he hoped "the country as a whole can have confidence" that the negotiations were moving forward.

The leaders agreed on a format under which the preliminary talks would be held on Capitol Hill. When the President becomes directly involved, the talks will shift to the White House.

The House of Representatives and the Senate will each be represented by three Democrats and two Republicans. The Administration team will be led by Mr James Baker, the Treasury Secretary, Mr Howard Baker, the White House Chief of Staff, Mr James Miller, the director of the Office of Budget and Management, and Mr Frank Carlucci, the National Security Adviser.

Although both sides floated proposals before going into the talks – a spending freeze by the Administration and a $12 billion (£7.14 billion) tax bill by Congress – neither wanted to discuss details yesterday.

Some congressional and financial leaders have insisted that officials use the talks to achieve even greater deficit reductions than the $23 billion envisaged by the White House. This is the amount required under the updated Gramm-Rudman-Hollings law on budget reforms, which was repassed this year.

Senator Robert Dole, the Republican minority leader and leading candidate for the 1988 presidential election, said on Sunday that he favoured larger reductions than $23 billion, which he described as too small to send a calming signal to financial markets.

Labour demands emergency debate

Chancellor under heavy fire

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

The Government's growing discomfort over the stock market crash was exploited yesterday as it refused to bow to Labour demands for an emergency debate on the issue.

Labour leaders reacted angrily to the refusal of Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, to make a statement to the Commons before his speech last night at the Stock Exchange.

They made a deliberate attempt to wrongfoot the Government by offering to cancel their own education debate planned for last night in return for one on the economic crisis.

But the Conservative whips quickly told their Labour counterparts that the Government would not be forced into a debate, provoking a charge from Mr Derek Foster, the Labour chief whip, that Mr Lawson was treating the Commons with contempt.

Mr Foster said: "He has chosen to speak to the Stock Exchange rather than to the Commons. He should explain to the House why his policies are going so drastically wrong. People are pleading with him to pull out of the BP sale."

Earlier in the Commons Mr John Smith, the Shadow Chancellor, led the demands for a statement from Mr Lawson.

Mr Smith said that the Chancellor would be reporting to the Stock Exchange about the events, instead of to the House to whom he was properly accountable.

Government sources were trying to maintain calm in face of the renewed fall of share prices.

It was being emphasized that Mr Lawson's appointment was a long-standing engagement to speak on the anniversary of the Big Bang, but it was being accepted last night by some ministers that events in the financial markets have reached such a pitch that it will be difficult for the Government to go on resisting a Commons statement

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China fears big losses

From Robert Grieves, Hong Kong

China began buying shares in its Hong Kong companies and subsidiaries yesterday in an effort to prop up the Hong Kong stock market, which lost 33 per cent of its value on the first day of trading after a four-day closure.

Western analysts in Peking said that China stood to lose billions of Hong Kong dollars if the colony's Hang Seng index dropped much lower.

In Peking, Mr Gao Shangquan, Vice-Minister of the Economic Reform Commission said that China had not yet lost much money in last week's stock market crash.

Western analysts in Hong Kong believe that the Bank of China and the China International Trust and Investment Corporation had already lost substantial amounts of money prior to the present situation.

Fishermen's blockade disrupts Channel ferries

By Rodney Cowton
Transport Correspondent

French fishermen last night lifted a blockade of the port of Calais which had disrupted ferry services all day.

The fishing boats were thought to be on their way back to Boulogne. When they arrived it was expected the blockade would be lifted there as well. There were indications, however, that further sporadic action might be taken without warning later in the week.

The blockade had disrupted the travel arrangements of at least 10,000 Britons. It began at Boulogne at about 9am and had spread by mid-day to Calais. It was a protest by the fishermen against what they saw as an infringement of their fishing rights by Britain.

One Townsend Thoresen ferry, the Free Enterprise IV, was trapped in Boulogne. Another, the Spirit of Free Enterprise, which was making her first voyage after being renamed the Pride of Kent, had to make a hurried departure from Calais, carrying only foot passengers, in order to avoid being trapped.

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A Sealink ferry, the Vortigen, which left Folkestone at 8am, was unable to get into Boulogne and had to return to Britain.

Sealink said it had diverted as many people as possible onto its hovercraft services, which were able to continue operating because their terminals at Calais and Boulogne were away from the main ferry terminals.

Townsend Thoresen (now renamed P&O European Ferries) put on an additional sailing from Dover to Zeebrugge, to get people to the continent through Belgium. The company said the journeys of about 7,000 passengers had been disrupted, and seven round-trip sailings had been cancelled. Sealink said that at this time of year it would expect to carry about 6,000 passengers a day.

The Foreign and Commonwealth Office said: "We view this attempt by the French fishermen to take the law into their own hands as unacceptable and we will be taking this up with the French authorities".

The blockade occurred because the fishermen were angry that on October 1 Britain had extended her territorial waters under the Territorial Sea Act 1987 and in some areas had changed the points from which both the territorial waters and fishing zones were calculated.

In these areas, such as Kent and the Thames Estuary, which include rich fishing areas, the territorial waters and the fishing zones will be calculated from sand-banks or rocks which dry out at low tide, rather than from the coastline.

Under the EEC common fisheries policy, French, Belgian and other fishermen have special fishing rights in the outer six miles of Britain's territorial waters, but by changing the points from which this zone is calculated the position of the zone has been changed.

Health forces Havers to quit

By Our Political Editor

The Prime Minister has forced Lord Havers, her Lord Chancellor, into retirement at 65, alarmed about his state of health.

He is being succeeded in the £83,000 a year post by Lord Mackay of Clashfern, a former Lord Advocate and the first Scottish lawyer to hold the post of Lord Chancellor.

The Prime Minister called in Lord Havers for a meeting at Downing Street yesterday and he agreed reluctantly to resign the post which he has held since the June election.

His fellow ministers have been worried for some time about Lord Havers' fitness and the burdens he was willing to impose upon himself.

Although the exchange of letters yesterday gave the impression that Lord Havers was quitting of his own accord, I understand that the initiative came from the Prime Minister, and that the Lord Chancellor was reluctant to go.

In his letter of resignation yesterday Lord Havers said that it was not widely appreciated how important and onerous the duties of his office were.

He added: "Much though I would like to carry on, I owe it to you and the public not to do so unless I can do the job properly".

In reply Mrs Thatcher said that Lord Havers' appointment as Lord Chancellor had set the seal on a distinguished legal and political career and expressed her great sorrow that his health would not permit him to discharge its exacting burdens as he would wish.

Havers profile 24

Before the election there was considerable speculation within the Government whether he would be fit enough to take on the Woolsack and although the Prime Minister gave him the job there have been several reports since of episodes of illness, explained at the time as exhaustion after a world tour or as food poisoning.

Lord Havers's tenure as Attorney General proved the most turbulent: the IRA blew up his home in Wimbledon, south-west London, and he was involved in a succession of Official Secrets Act cases and spy affairs – Anthony Blunt, Geoffrey Prime, Bettaney, Sarah Tisdall, and Clive Ponting.

Perhaps his most spectacular success came when he broke down Professor Hambleton in cross examination with his questioning on the passing of Nato secrets to the Russians.

Broker is killed for crash loss

From Charles Bremner
New York

A distraught Florida businessman who lost a fortune in the Wall Street crash walked into his broker's office yesterday, shot the manager, wounded another employee, and then turned his weapon on himself and committed suicide.

The man, who was only identified as a 53-year-old businessman called Arthur Kane, telephoned the branch of Merrill Lynch for an appointment soon after the Stock Market had reopened. A spokesman for Merrill Lynch said that he had lost a great deal of money in the Wall Street collapse, but declined to say how much.

After sitting down with the manager, the man pulled a gun out of his briefcase and opened fire, police said.

Mr Jose Argilagos, a Merrill Lynch vice-president and the head of The Falls branch of Merrill Lynch in south-west Miami, was shot dead immediately. His assistant, Mr Lloyd Kolokoff, was critically wounded in the back.

A witness in the office said: "A gentleman had come into the building with a briefcase, indicating that he had a cheque with him. He walked into the office with two of the brokers, opened the briefcase, took out a gun, shot two of them and himself."

Police were unable to confirm reports that the gunman shouted: "You let me down,", before pulling the trigger.

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Papers on view in ANC case

Lawyers representing three men released last week after charges against them of conspiring to kidnap members of the African National Congress were dropped, were given permission by a High Court judge yesterday to inspect documents seized by anti-terrorist squad officers.

The lawyers say that police have about 70,000 documents in their possession which, if leaked, would cause the British government embarrassment. They say they have received only 700 of these documents.

In a five-minute private hearing, Mr Justice Ian Kennedy ordered, by consent, that the police allow lawyers to inspect all the documents.

Port lots sold off

The new owner of the Cornish port of Charlestown near St Austell has begun to sell off property on the estate, bought last month for £2.5 million.

However, Mr Barry Williamson, the estate manager, promised a bright future for the community yesterday, with investment in the village's hotel, public house and other occupied property, and an effort to win more business.

Charlestown was bought by Mr David Bulstrode, the London property magnate.

Whip is fined

Lord Hesketh, the Government's deputy chief whip in the House of Lords, was fined £850 yesterday after an employee contracted arsenic poisoning.

Lord Hesketh admitted at Northampton Magistrates' Court failing to discharge his duty as an employer in ensuring the health of Mr Roger Culley, aged 28, who worked at a timber treatment plant on Lord Hesketh's estate near Towcester, Northamptonshire. Mr Culley had been allowed to work without using protective clothing.

Musical witchcraft

The Royal Shakespeare Company's musical based on the Stephen King novel *Carrie*, a story of witchcraft and supernatural powers, will have a half British and half American cast, it was announced last night, after a deal between actors' unions in Britain and the United States.

The productionwill open at Stratford-upon-Avon in February and transfer to Broadway after just four weeks. Usually only the stars of British shows appear in the Broadway productions, working with American casts.

The RSC plans to spend £350.000 on the production but has been guaranteed £550,000 from the Stratford season by its commercial partners and a share in profits and royalties for the life of the show.

Soldiers accused

Four soldiers accused of assaulting a recruit during initiation rites appeared before a court martial in West Germany yesterday.

Private Philip Smith, Private David Gardner, and Private William Reilly, all aged 19, and Private Barry Ferguson, aged 20, of the 1st Battalion the King's Own Scottish Borderers, are alleged to have committed the offences against Private James Guthrie, aged 19.

Yesterday's proceedings were taken up with legal submissions. The case continues today.

£500,000 frozen

A Colombian woman has been accused of "laundering" £500,000 in assets by Scotland Yard using new powers under the Drug Trafficking Assets Act to act for foreign police.

Claudia Maria Goldsworthy, aged 38, of Stephendale Road, Fulham, south-west London, was given bail in the first case of its kind.

Scotland Yard was asked to investigate by the FBI in Florida after the woman's former husband was charged with possessing cocaine.

Fire report for DPP

The parents of four children who died in a fire could be prosecuted for negligence, the police said yesterday.

A report is to be sent to the Crown Prosecution Service to decide whether charges should be brought against one or both of the parents.

Somerset and Avon detectives interviewed Mr Philip Shadbolt, a scaffolder, and his wife, Heather, yesterday.

Their children, Holly, aged three, and Billy Shadbolt, aged two, Samantha Gilpin, aged seven, and Stephen Sellers, aged 10, died in their first-floor bedrooms when fire swept through their home at Church Street, Highbridge, Somerset, on Friday night.

Ridley's poll tax compromise runs into trouble

By Philip Webster
Chief Political Correspondent

The Treasury lined up with Conservative critics of the community charge, or poll tax yesterday to signal opposition to a compromise plan which would allow local authorities to decide when to bring the charge in.

There were signs that the compromise would be enough to satisfy at least some of the Tory MPs who have been arguing that the charge should be introduced in one instalment rather than phased in.

But Conservative MPs and ministers in London and the Home Counties, who have been calling for a phase-in period, and those who are opposed to the new charge in principle voiced alarm over the compromise.

A Cabinet committee is due to discuss the proposal today. It has been drawn up by Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for the Environment.

However, Mr Ridley will face strong resistance from Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, to his "halfway house" plan.

The Treasury has fought throughout for the longest phase-in period possible. It believes that giving local authorities discretion will open the way for Labour councils to make sure the charge is introduce at the worst possible time.

Mr Robin Squire, Conservative MP for Hornchurch and one of the chief opponents of the poll tax, said the Government was in danger of introducing the worst of both worlds.

He said local authorities were rightly concerned about the cost of running the two systems side by side

Mr Jerry Hayes, Conservative MP for Harlow, said the Government would be committing a grave political miscalculation if it allowed local council discretion.

He said: "Left-wing councils would use this opportunity to cause the maximum disruption and hardship as near to the next general election as possible.

Mr John Heddle, MP, chairman of the Conservative backbench environment committee, which Mr Ridley will be addressing on Thursday, said last night that to leave the option open to local authorities would encourage Labour controlled authorities to introduce the community charge at the least politically advantageous time for the Government. It would be the worst of all worlds.

Mr Squire and the other leading Tory opponent, Sir George Young, MP for Ealing Acton, are planning to table amendments when the legislation is introduced which would exempt supplementary benefit claimants from paying

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Opposition unites on school reforms

By John Clare, Education Correspondent

A conference of all the partners in education in England and Wales yesterday voiced united opposition to most of the Government's proposed education reforms.

The first meeting of the all-party Standing Conference on Education, which includes the 104 local education authorities, the churches, all nine teachers' and lecturers' unions, and the principal organizations representing parents and governors, was held in Birmingham.

They criticized the Government's proposals in principle and detail. Sir Peter Newsam, secretary of the Association of County Councils, said the Bill to be published next month would give the Secretary of State for Education 33 specific new powers.

"I am worried about the constitutional implications", he said. "We are creating the machinery that will enable a Secretary of State with a narrow view of the role of education in a democratic society to impose it on others."

Mr Fred Riddell, chairman of the association's education committee and one of the few Conservatives to speak, contrasted the haste with which the proposals were being pushed through with the three years of consultation that had preceded the Education Act, 1944.

Mrs Ada Fordham, the chairman of the Confederation for Advancement of State Education, said all that parents wanted was that their neighbourhood school should be a good one.

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Europe faces Americans over Airbus 'subsidies'

By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent

A meeting in London today could be the final attempt to resolve the bitter dispute between Europe and the United States over government subsidies allegedly paid to Airbus Industrie.

The four trade ministers of the European nations involved in building Airbus jets will face their accusers from the United States.

The Americans are threatening retaliatory action over what they claim is unfair government support for the European aircraft by imposing tariffs or import taxes on sales of the aircraft to US airlines.

Mr Kenneth Clarke, Minister for Trade and Industry, will find himself in the embarrassing position of supporting the Europeans' case formally while privately pressing them to change the method of financing to ensure adequate profits from sales.

Britain maintains that its hands are clean in its support of Airbus but is frustrated at the way in which the French and German governments are prepared to wipe off former debts and not insist that the consortium makes a profit or produces normal commercial accounts.

British Aerospace, which has a 25 per cent stake in the consortium, has been pressing for the consortium to be restructured as a commercial enterprise to overcome objections from the Americans and to ensure their future involvement in the projects.

The Americans have complained about Europe as a whole, maintaining, for example, that each Airbus A320 jet is being sold at a $16 million loss with no questions asked about price or accumulated deficits.

The British Government denies that it has acted in defiance of international agreements and say that its support for Airbus has been in the form of wholly repayable loans. Those would have to be given back to the Treasury whether or not the consortium made a profit.

It also wants to see a healthy profit from its investment of around £700 million and is concerned both at the lack of detailed financial information coming out of the Airbus headquarters at Toulouse.

France effectively "wipes off" the Airbus debts each year and the German government gives a rolling credit guarantee. Neither of them can understand what the British are worried about.

British Aerospace, which is paid by the consortium for the work it carries out, are already making large losses in its civil aircraft division, half of which it puts down to Airbus.

It has given a warning that it would be prepared to veto any deal to sell the jets to airlines at a price which was so low that they could not be certain of a profit.

To do so openly could damage the prospects of the consortium into which it is now locked. It is, therefore, forced to join the battle on the side of the European consortium although it is worried that if present arrangements continue, it could find its own losses rocketing.

At the same time, British Aerospace has large contracts pending in the United States and any action taken by the Americans against Europe in general would hit the company hard. Already it has had to pull out of one deal to supply parts for a new Boeing aircraft because to do so would not be "compatible" with its Airbus work.

The Americans are prepared to take advantage of the growing split in the European ranks and the talks are likely to be both hard and heated.

Harrier search plea

Experts investigating the flight of the pilotless Harrier jet which plunged into the sea last week, want to call in the Royal Navy's most sophisticated research ship to bring it to the surface (Our Air Correspondent writes).

They have told British Aerospace and the Ministry of Defence that if the accident, one of the most baffling in aviation history, is ever to be explained the aircraft will have to be raised.

It lies in water 1,000 metres deep, 800 miles off Land's End.

Pathologists are examining the body of Mr Taylor Scott, a British Aerospace test pilot, which was found in a field in Wiltshire, in the hope of discovering how he died. They say, however, that this may not answer the hundreds of questions raised. The investigation has concluded that the Harrier, which dropped into the sea when it ran out of fuel, still contains the ejector seat into which Mr Scott was strapped.

He had taken off from Dunsfold, Surrey, for a routine test flight in the jet before it was handed over to the RAF.

It is hoped that the Royal Navy ship HMS Challenger, which has a diving bell on board, and which is in the area, may be able to reach the aircraft. However the exercise would be massively expensive and may even then not prove conclusive.

However naval experts were last night doubtful whether the ship could delve deep enough to reach the Harrier, and the inquiry team may have to seek help from the Americans, who have the means to go deeper.

So far every theory on what could have led an experienced test pilot to leave his aircraft has foundered.

It has been suggested that the aircraft's canopy came off at about 30,000ft, either because an object had struck it, or because the bolts failed.

Victims of storm soldier on

Mrs Nadine Saunders yesterday with her wrecked car and cottage and the tree that knocked out her chimney during the storm nearly two weeks ago (Photograph: Bill Warhurst).

By Howard Foster

Eleven days have passed since the hurricane-force winds of "The Big Blow" flattened much of south-east England. Yesterday the main chimney of Coates Castle still hung dangerously suspended a few yards above the heads of its owners, in spite of their every effort to have it removed to safety.

With the coolness that has been the keynote of the tribulations of the storm, Mrs Jacqueline Mitchell-Heggs has continued to live as normally as possible in the early Victorian castle near Petworth, West Sussex, wholly mindful of the 300lb or so of masonry that lies by her son's bed among a shower of fallen plaster.

Above it, lodged on a roof beam, is another piece of chimney that is even bigger and more precariously balanced. Another strong wind and, the experts tell her, it could drop right through to the ground floor taking everything with it.

That has been the only useful piece of information Mrs Mitchell-Heggs has gleaned from the numerous builders she has tried to persuade to remove the offending chimney.

"After the first few had laughed in my face when I telephoned them and they told me it will literally be weeks before they could help, I rather gave up", she said yesterday at her home, where there was neither electricity nor heating or telephone.

The absence of a telephone and the fact that it was three days before trees were cleared from her drive and she could leave her home has meant that Mrs Mitchell-Heggs is still waiting to talk to her insurance company.

"I suppose I should be grateful to be alive. The power went off on the night of the storm at 2am. Next, there was a tremendous crash and the chimney fell in. Had one piece not bounced off the bed above me in my son's room it would have crashed straight through on to me. As it was I was just cut and bruised by the plaster."

A few hundred yards away, Mr James Cooper-Mitchell, aged 77, was enjoying his second day of freedom after trees were finally moved after nine days from the track to his cottage at Coates, near Petworth.

Ten days without electricity, he relied on an open fire to cook for his bed-ridden wife Audrey, who is 84. Mr Cooper-Mitchell kept her warm with constant hot water bottles and relied on neighbours to walk miles across fields to bring him food and drink.

A few miles away, in a remote lodge house, Mrs Nadine Saunders was surveying the damage to her house and her beloved MG sports car.

As she sat down stairs nervously reading during the night of the storm, a tree fell onto her house at about 4.30am and knocked the chimney off. This made holes in the roof before landing on the bonnet of the car as well as denting her boyfriend's BMW.

"There is up to £1,000 worth of damage to the bonnet, wing and engine," Mrs Saunders, who does not own her cottage, said.

Last night the Southern Electricity Board said that there were only about a thousand households in its central southern supply area still without electricity.

27,000 still without power

By David Young, Energy Correspondent

An estimated 23,000 consumers in the Tunbridge Wells area of Kent and Crawley area of West Sussex are still without power this morning, 11 days after the storms which brought havoc to south-east England.

The areas have been badly hit by the number of trees which fell across overhead power lines. One of the main underground lines connecting local lines to the national grid was ruptured by the roots of a nearby tree as it fell.

All power lines in the eastern region have been reconnected and maintenance staff are now repairing lines in woodland areas bordering Kent and West Sussex.

More than 8,000 kilometres of new overhead cable and 4,000 poles have been installed throughout the South-east.

In the adjoining southern region, covering Hampshire, Dorset, Berkshire, parts of Oxfordshire and the Isle of Wight, there are still 4,500 consumers without power.

The Army has been enlisted to provide heavy lifting equipment to remove fallen trees. Cable manufacturers worked throughout the weekend to ensure that equipment was made available.

A spokesman for the Electricity Council said: "The worst affected area was the South-eastern region, but even there, where half a million customers were affected, we are now down to only 30,000 without power. Another 7,000 are being connected each day."

Crime prevention

Anti-burglar kit for homes cuts insurance costs

By Christopher Warman
Property Correspondent

Simple security measures costing only a few pounds can reduce home burglaries by up to 40 per cent, according to the housebuilding firm Bellway Homes, which is one of the leaders in the provision of anti-theft devices in their new houses.

It builds an anti-burglar kit into all its new houses, bungalows and flats and in addition provides an integrated electronic alarm system into houses costing £35,000 or more (£50,000 in the London area).

An immediate result of the scheme has been discount rates from insurance companies, which are increasingly concerned about the level of household burglaries and the cost of claims.

One company, Municipal General, launched a 25 per cent no claims discount scheme in June in an attempt to cut the cost of claims by rewarding householders who take precautions.

A policy to cover £10,000-worth of household contents would normally cost £43 in country areas. With the no claims discount this would be reduced to £32.25. In London the premium of £128 would be reduced to £96.

The Association of British Insurers says the average household claim is about £600, double the 1980 level. In the first six months of 1987, insurance companies paid out £155 million on household claims, an increase of 8.5 per cent on the same period of 1986. In 1986 the total for household claims was £249.9 million, a 13.9 per cent increase over 1985.

When Bellway announced the installation of its security packages in new homes the Sun Alliance insurance group responded by offering a 15 per cent discount of its standard rates for the new houses.

Generally the firm offers a 10 per cent discount for security measures, with an extra discount for membership of a neighbourhood watch scheme.

It is one of several insurance companies offering a discount. Avon offers a 5 per cent discount for good quality door and window locks, and 10 per cent for an alarm system. Commercial Union offers 10 per cent discount for an approved alarm installation, and Norwich Union 5 per cent for locks, 10 per cent for approved alarms, and a further 2.5 per cent for neighbourhood watch scheme membership. Legal and General launched their own scheme last year, offering discounts of up to 20 per cent.

Roadshow gains mixed reviews

The Government's new enthusiasm for crime prevention received both plaudits and brickbats yesterday (Michael McCarthy writes).

Mr Laurie Timms, chief executive of Wycombe District Council in Buckinghamshire, was like a man born again after hearing that the Home Office plans to put the subject top of the public awareness list with a massive advertising campaign and the setting up of a national crime prevention organization.

"I have suddenly woken up to it", he said at the London session of *The Crime Prevention Roadshow*, a touring exhibition-cum-conference for local authority leaders and other public policy makers.

After hearing a number of speakers, including Mr John Patten, Minister of State at the Home Office, emphasize that results could be achieved if crime prevention were taken seriously, Mr Timms said: I must confess I had always given it a low priority".

A more jaundiced view of the Government's intentions came from Mr Illtyd Harrington, the veteran Labour politician and former chairman of the Greater London Council. He saidthat the proposals were "all right as far as they go but they don't go far enough. This campaign is addressed to suburbia. It will not deal with the real problems and fears of people in inner-city estates."

Electricity price rise of 25% is claimed

By Roland Rudd

The Government was accused yesterday of planning to raise the price of electricity to make the industry financially attractive for privatization.

Mr John Lyons, general secretary of the Engineers' and Managers' Association, said the Government's plan to increase the rate of return from the electricity industry from 2.75 per cent to nearly 6 per cent in three years' time would push electricity prices up by almost 25 per cent.

Speaking in London at a special delegate conference of the Electricial Power Engineers' Group, he said: "To make the electricity supply industry financially attractive enough for private investors to come in the price of everyone's electricity has to be raised first.

"Privatization is going to hit the British people in the pocket; it is going to raise the costs of British industry; it is going to put people out of jobs."

The conference overwhelmingly carried a motion which authorized its executive to use all resources, including legal or industrial action, to ensure that privatization of the industry would not raise costs, or threaten members' jobs.

The Department of Energy yesterday said Mr Cecil Parkinson, the Secretary of State for Energy, denied "fattening the calf for privatization". The Government had always been convinced that the industry needed £40 billion of investment.

Mr Parkinson has also made clear that, regardless of privatization, whoever invests in the industry must have a return on their money. At the moment the return on the electricity supply industry was too low.

● A High Court judge yesterday ruled that electricity consumers, not the regional boards, must pay in the event of theft from a coin meter.

Mr Justice Schiemann dismissed a case presented by two Birmingham men, one of whom had been forced to repay £75 stolen from his meter and the other forced to replace his meter after it had been taken. The Midlands Electricity Board had acted reasonably and within its legal powers.

Butcher in shooting is freed

By Michael Dynes

A butcher was freed yesterday after he admitted shooting a teenager in the arm with a double-barrel shotgun after a series of attacks on his shop.

Mr John Quentin Smith, aged 39, of Wharncliffe Road, Ilkeston, Derbyshire, was given a three-year conditional discharge after pleading guilty to maliciously wounding Mathew Taylor, aged 18, of Queen's Avenue, Ilkeston. He faced a maximum penalty of five years in prison.

He said afterwards: "It would have been a travesty of justice if I had been sent down. It would not have been what the people of this country want. They are sick and tired of yobs committing this mindless vandalism."

Derby Crown Court was told that the shooting took place last May outside Mr Smith's shop in Ilkeston, after three youths threw a brick through the window of a neighbouring video shop.

Mr Smith, who had learned of the planned attack, lay in wait for the youths. When they struck, he ran outside and shot one of them in the arm at a distance of 12 yards.

Mr Smith later told police he thought he had fired above the heads of the vandals, and had not intended to cause injury.

Mr Dudley Bennett, for the defence, said that repeated acts of vandalism against Mr Smith's shop had caused him considerable financial and emotional strain. He had been forced to leave the area because he could no longer get insurance cover for his business.

Judge Brian Woods awarded damages of £10 to Mr Taylor after being told that he still had about 500 pellets lodged in his left shoulder and was receiving treatment for damaged nerves in his left arm.

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Telecom admits fall in standards after flood of complaints

By Tony Dawe

British Telecom was forced yesteday to admit that its services had deteriorated this year as a highly critical report by a Government watchdog organization showed the number of complaints had risen by 130 per cent in 12 months.

A quarter of people questioned believed the company's service had worsened since privatization, according to the Office of Telecommunications (Oftel).

Telecom produced its own statistics which showed that in March, 32 million local calls and 22 million trunk calls failed to reach their destination. Of 45 million calls made to directory enquiries, 10 million failed to get a response within a quarter of a minute and another 8 million failed to get through at all.

The Telecom report also showed that in March, 850,000 customers failed to receive the telephone equipment they had ordered within one working week and another 350,000 failed to get their faults repaired within two working days.

Mr Graeme Odgers, the company's newly-appointed group managing director, told a press conference after publication of the report: "Our quality of service was not adequate but we have made great strides. This company is facing a challenging set of problems and opportunities but we are up to this."

The company again blamed the engineers' strike in January for its problems and produced statistics for last month which showed an improvement in most services.

But local calls continued to fail at the same rate as in March and the response of the enquiry service has worsened.

Telecom admitted that pressure from the media and Oftel had persuaded it to publish the "quality of service" report, which had previously been regarded as confidential.

In its report Oftel said that the number of complaints it received this summer, 3,300 a month, was up by 130 per cent on the summer of 1986.

Half the complaints concerned telephone accounts and charges and most were made before *The Times* reported last month that Telecom was overcharging its customers by millions of pounds because of faulty connections and equipment.

Professor Bryan Carsberg, director general of Oftel, said yesterday: "BT's figures demonstrate clearly that there was an objective source for the widespread public disquiet with BT's performance which developed during 1987".

He added that the September figures "demonstrated significant progress towards re-establishing previous levels of performance, though in some areas there is still some way to go."

The professor stunned consumer organizations and politicians by announcing that because Telecom was now publishing its own figures, Oftel would stop its surveys. "It would not be sensible for Oftel to attempt to replicate every year measures which can easily be obtained within the BT network," he said.

"I shall keep under review the possible need to ask BT to obtain an independent audit report on its statistics."

Mr Bryan Gould, Labour's trade and industry spokesman, said last night: "The privatization dream is slowly becoming a nightmare". He claimed that the realization that private monopolies put profits before service is making the public reject privatization of the water and electricity industries.

● Engineers working for British Telecom may get their profit-sharing bonuses back because of their work to reconnect the thousands of telephone lines damaged in the recent storms.

The bonuses were stopped after the engineers' strike in January.

The catalogue of failures

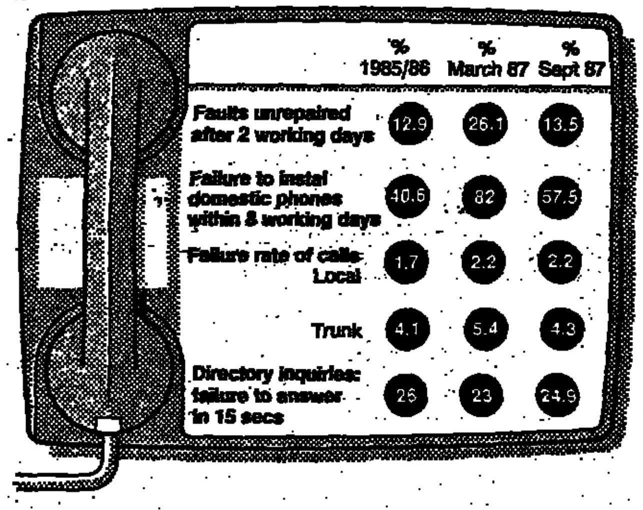
The Telecom and Oftel reports covered four areas of service:

Connections: Telecom said that last month 2.2 per cent of local calls (about 32 million) and 4.3 per cent of trunk calls (about 17 million) failed to get through. Oftel produced similar figures but added that millions more calls were either cut off before they were finished or had to be discontinued because of noise on the lines. Telecom said that it could not give any target for improving connections.

Directory enquiries: Telecom said that last month a quarter of calls to the service (about 11 million) failed to get a response within 15 seconds. Oftel provided additional figures showing that 18 per cent of calls failed to get any response, with callers hearing either the engaged tone or nothing. Mr Odgers said yesterday that calls to the service were increasing "at an enormous rate" but the company was determined to meet the demand and intended to improve the service by April.

Faults: Telecom reported that last month 13.5 per cent of faults (about 175,000) remained unrepaired after two working days. Oftel produced sharply contrasting figures for the year, showing that 62 per cent of faults were still unrepaired after two days and that 18 per cent took longer than four days to repair. Telecom has set itself the target of repairing all faults within two days during the current financial year.

New equipment: Telecom produced figures showing that in March only a quarter of its customers received new telephones and other equipment within a week of placing their orders. Telecom plans to introduce an appointment system for installing new equipment and to keep all appointments it makes by March 1989.



	% 1985/86	% March 87	% Sept 87
Faults unrepaired after 2 working days	12.9	26.1	13.5
Failure to instal domestic phones within 8 working days	40.6	82	57.5
Failure rate of calls: Local	1.7	2.2	2.2
Trunk	4.1	5.4	4.3
Directory inquiries: failure to answer in 15 secs	26	23	24.9

Libel case over lost naval log

A former naval officer is suing a *Mail on Sunday* reporter and the newspaper's publishers, Associated Newspapers, for libel, alleging that a report falsely linked him with a missing naval log.

Mr Narendra Sethia served as a lieutenant on the nuclear submarine HMS Conqueror when it sank the Argentinian warship General Belgrano during the Falklands conflict in 1982, the High Court in London was told yesterday.

In February 1985, a *Mail on Sunday* article by Mr Chester Stern, the crime correspondent, said that HMS Conqueror's log, which had disappeared, had been recovered from a former naval officer in the West Indies.

Mr Sethia had left the Royal Navy in 1982.

Mr Stern and Associated Newspapers deny the article was defamatory or that it referred to Mr Sethia.

The hearing continues today.

Judge wants to shift proof on child abuse

By Andrew Morgan

A judge at Bristol Crown Court yesterday called for a change in the onus of proof law in child abuse cases after he was obliged to free a young couple accused of cruelty towards their child aged 10 months.

Judge Fallon, QC, said he would enter formal not-guilty verdicts "with the greatest reluctance", after hearing that the police could not prove which of the parents carried out the attack.

He called on Parliament to amend the law so that accused parents would have to prove they had not attacked their children if there was evidence of an assault. It would mean taking the burden of proof away from the prosecution and presenting it instead to the defendants.

Mr Malcom Cotterell, for the prosecution, offered no evidence against a man aged 24 and his wife, aged 22, from Bath, whose child showed signs of strangulation. They were charged with wilfully neglecting and assaulting her in a manner likely to cause unnecessary suffering.

"The prosecution has no doubt that whatever she suffered, it was at the hand of the defendants, and that she had had previous sufferings at their hands", he said.

"We cannot prove which of the defendants laid his or her hands about the child's neck

"I take the decision to offer no evidence with the greatest regret, because it does leave the child open to further abuse. Both parents say they did not do it and that the other was incapable of doing it."

Judge Fallon said: "This is a matter of concern to me as the law stands. On the evidence, one or the other seems to have caused these injuries."

Mr Cotterill told him that the child had been placed in foster care but Judge Fallon said he could not compel the social services to keep the child in such care.

Afterwards, the couple said they were hoping for the return of their child.

Battle for lord of the manor

By Sarah Jane Checkland, Art Market Correspondent

SALEROOM

The stock market may be tumbling but the prices for lordships are soaring, judging by the sale of manorial titles at Painter's Hall, central London, yesterday.

The titles, which sold for £1,000 nine years ago when Strutt and Parker, the estate agents, first started trading in them, are now selling for an average of £9,000.

Auctions of lordships usually entail the selling of nominal prestige. For a price, anyone can call themselves lord of the manor, emblazoning personal stationery and enhancing the credibility of a passport with the title.

Strutt and Parker has joined forces with a company called Manorial Research to provide full details on what each title entails.

The most gratified buyer yesterday was a gentleman from Miami who spent a total of £34,000 on three titles, the lordships of Walcot, Norfolk, for £7,750, Blewbury, Berkshire, for £7,250 and Liston, Essex, for £20,000.

The relatively high premium paid for the last title is thought to be due to its incumbent's additional right to carry the wafers at the next Coronation.

There were fewer smiles when it came to fighting it out for the top lot, the lordship of Old Buckenham, Norfolk, which sold for £30,250.

Mrs Joan Jenkins, clerk of the parish council, had come to London especially to buy the title for her parishioners. She was outbid by her neighbour, Mr Terry Cracknell, a local businessman.

The title includes ownership of the biggest village green in Britain, covering 5,024 acres, for which the new lord of the manor, whose garden adjoins it, will receive £110 a year from the electricity board for the rights to carry its cables.

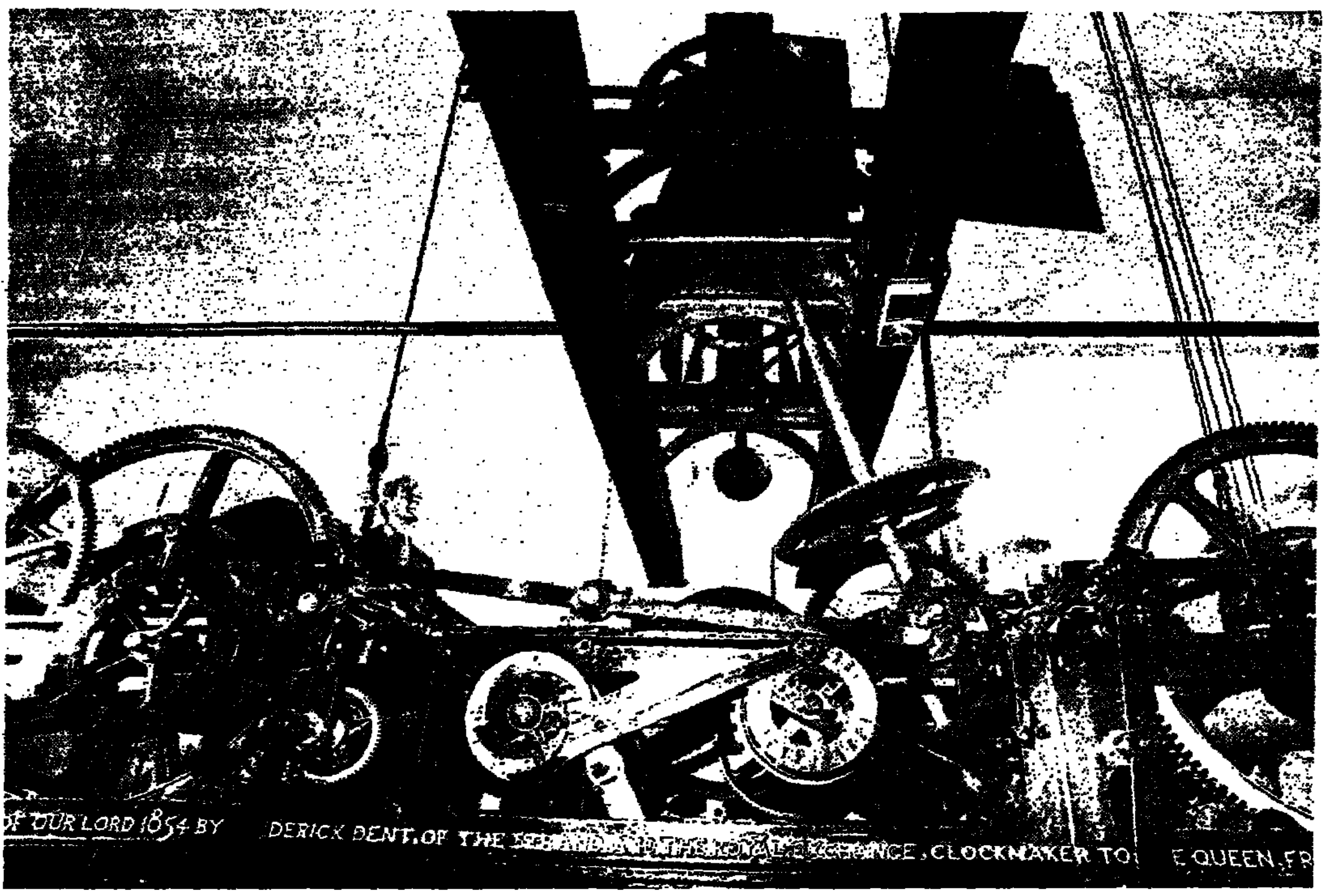
In all, 39 lordships were sold at the auction and a total of £360,000 was raised.

Sotheby's New York reported a jackpot price for an important piece of American silver which was discovered recently in Britain.

The silver salver had been kept in a drawer at a house in Cumbria since the owner's marriage 25 years ago, and had been taken in all innocence to Sotheby's Chester.

Mr John Phillips, the specialist, recognized it as an important work by the William Simpkins of Boston, and sent it for sale in New York where it fetched $34,100 (estimate $20,000 to $30,000).

Metal fatigue silences Big Ben's sombre knell



The clock mechanism yesterday, minus the fly fan for hour chimes, removed because of a suspect bracket. The fly fan's sails, similar to the quarter-hour ones seen at the top of the picture, would usually be above where Mr Brian Sewell, parliamentary works officer, is standing (Photograph: John Rogers).

By Alan Hamilton

The brittle bones of old age have temporarily silenced the baritone bong of Big Ben.

Cracks were found, during a routine inspection at the weekend, in a metal bracket forming part of the governor mechanism which controls the striking of the hours. With memories of a day in 1976 in mind, when a metal component flew off with the noise of a bomb and caused extensive damage to the works, the clock keepers removed the suspect part for replacement.

"It looks like metal fatigue," Mr Brian Sewell, the Property Services Agency's parliamentary works officer at the Palace of Westminster said. "We hope to have it replaced and working by the weekend." The bell's next important state duty is to toll the sombre knell of eleven on Remembrance Sunday.

In the meantime, its sonorous E natural is missing from BBC Radio 4 and from the World Service, replaced by a series of feeble and tuneless pips.

The offending object is the fly fan, two metal sails almost a metre square on a tall spindle, which rotate at great speed and with raucous noise inside the clock room to regulate the pace of the striking hours. The cracks were found in a bracket securing one of the sails; it was feared that, if it broke, the sail would plough through the five tons of clock mechanism.

The quarter-hour chimes, supposedly based on a phrase in *I Know That My Redeemer Liveth* from Handel's *Messiah*, are governed by a similar but separate fly fan.

Portfolio Gold

A forty-fifth wedding anniversary celebration for a retired professor and his wife is being planned on the strength of a share in a £4,000 prize in the Portfolio Gold competition.

Mrs Dina Ullendorff, of Bladon Close, Oxford, a *Times* reader for 50 years, said her win would go towards a celebration in Scotland next spring with her husband Edward, a retired professor of Semitic languages at London University.

She shares the prize with Mr Kim McCallum, aged 28, an insurance broker, of Kingswood Road, Brixton, south-west London.

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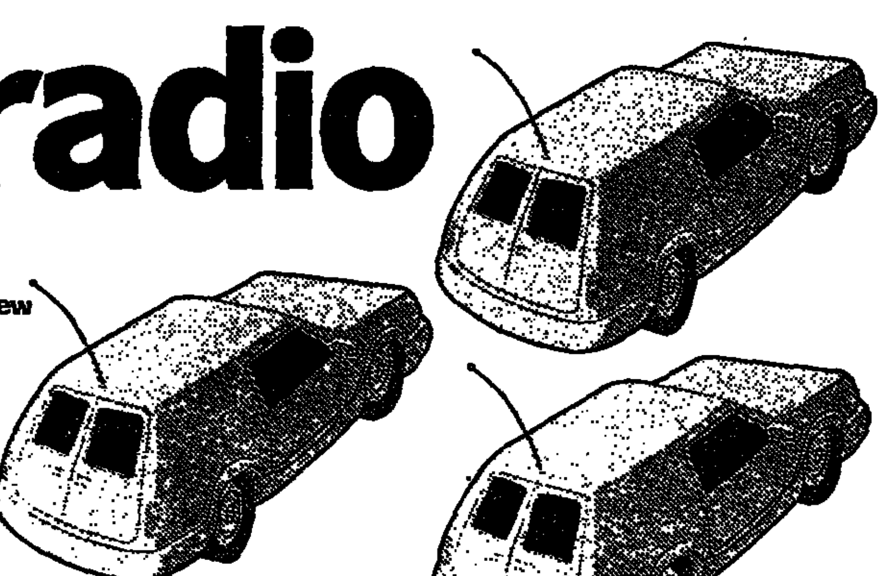

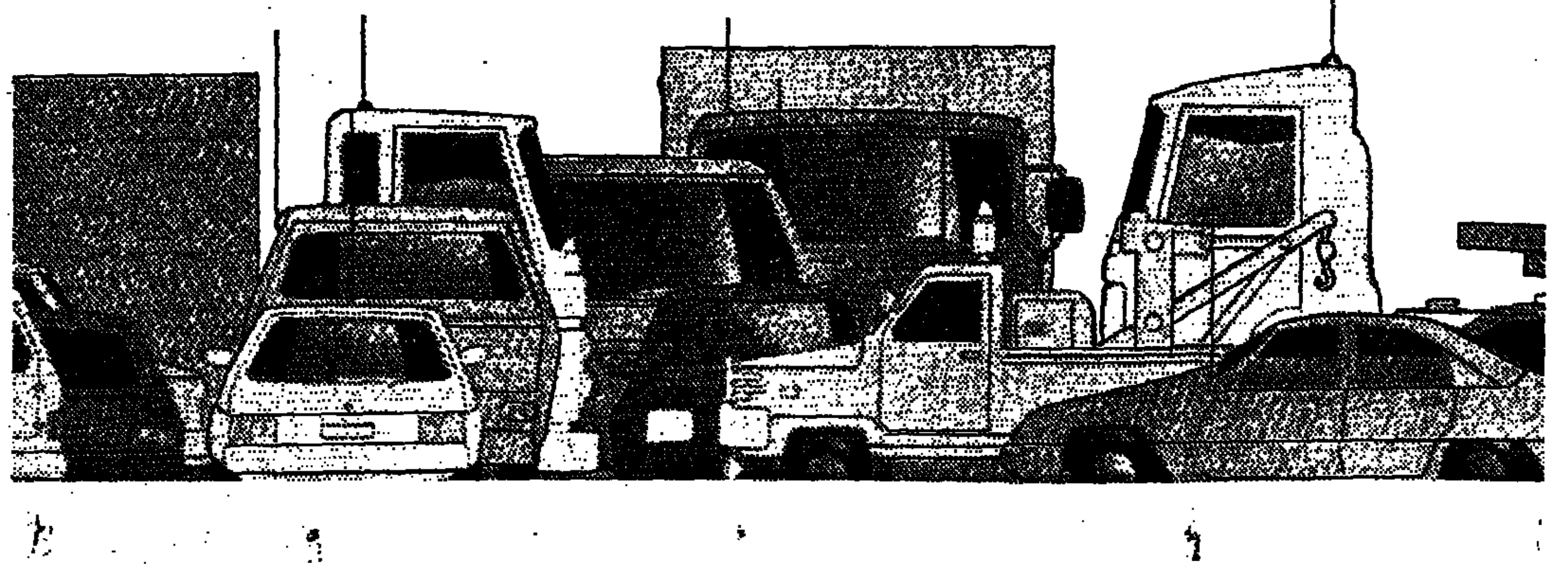

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Labour demands statement from the Chancellor

Labour MPs expressed anger that Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, was to make a statement to the Stock Exchange on the *crisis in the share markets* rather than to the House.

In a series of points of order, *they called for the Chancellor* to come to the Commons and *make a statement and offered* to change the day's business so that there could be a debate.

The noisy exchanges began when **Mr John Smith**, chief Opposition spokesman on Treasury and economic affairs, said that the Chancellor had failed to make a statement to the House on the unusual and perturbing situation which had arisen in the financial markets.

Mr Lawson had added insult to injury by proposing to speak to the Stock Exchange in the evening with the result that he would be reporting there about these events instead of to the House of Commons, to whom he was properly accountable.

"I hope it will be possible for the Chancellor to come and make a statement to this House before he addresses the Stock Exchange – he certainly has time to do so – and at the very earliest opportunity accounts to this House for his responsibilities in this matter."

Mr Eric Forth (Mid Worcestershire, C) said that the the business of the Commons today was chosen by the Opposition. The subject was entirely up to them.

Since events on the stock market had been unfolding for some days, they could only assume that Opposition MPs did not take sufficient interest in what had been happening there.

Mr Robert Sheldon (Ashton-under-Lyne, Lab) said that it was wholly unprecedented that an economic condition of such significance as a decline of the Stock Exchange and the economic consequences of the collapse in share values should not lead to to the Chancellor appearing before the House.

Many MPs saw Mr Lawson night after night on the television screens and yet they *had* not had the opportunity to question him in the House. That should be remedied without further delay.

Mr Brian Sedgemore (Hackney South and Shoreditch, Lab) said that the House was in danger of looking like a Ruritanian assembly, indulging itself in the periphery but not dealing with the heart of the nation's affairs.

As the financial crisis sent the economies of the Western world spinning perilously close towards calamity, although every commentator in every country had been talking about this matter, there had been no discussion in Parliament.

Mr John Smith: "Insult added to injury".

He understood that the Government had been asked to make a statement and had said that this had nothing to do with them, although the Chancellor was talking to everybody else.

Could Mr Lawson have an opportunity to explain what could be the most dangerous economic factor of the twentieth century?

Mr Tony Banks (Newham North West, Lab) said that there was an additional dimension. In a few days' time, the Government would be hoping to "flog off" its holding in British Petroleum. That was linked to what was happening on the stock market.

One constituent had asked whether to go for BP shares or get into gold futures (prolonged laughter). "I could not answer and I need the help of the Chancellor of the Exchequer."

Mr Ken Livingstone (Brent East, Lab) *said that they faced* the most severe recession since the war – (*Conservative protests*) – and, before the end of the year, *would see mortgage* foreclosures and a further rise in *unemployment*. Tory MPs would be crowing like public *school-boys* about the scale of that recession.

Mr Douglas Hoyle *(Warrington North, Lab)* said that the *casino-like society* created by the Chancellor was collapsing. *He should be there to explain.*

Mr Dennis Skinner (Bolsover, Lab) said that this was not just a matter for the casino economy. What was happening in the Stock Exchange and *internationally* was *going* to affect the livelihood of all their *constituents*.

They were concerned about the ensuing unemployment that would follow and the further cuts in the Autumn Statement.

"It is a scandal that the Tory Government has not got the guts to present the case at that Dispatch Box and it is time that they did."

Mr Rhodri Morgan (Cardiff West, Lab) asked if the Chancellor's attitude in failing to come to the House and make a statement on the crisis be described as a "Nero-Nero" option.

Mr Anthony Beaumont-Dark (Birmingham, Selly Oak, C) *protested that the Labour Party* wished to make a crisis out of a *problem. Stock Exchange prices* were higher than they had been *this time last year. The Opp*osition had not been calling for a *debate then.*

What they wished to do was to cause a crisis *where* there was no crisis.

The Speaker said that he had not been aware that the Chancellor was giving a statement to anyone outside the Commons. Because of that, he had allowed the exchanges to go on.

Mr Frank Dobson, chief Opposition spokesman *on House of* Commons affairs, said that the Speaker had a responsibility for trying to sustain the reputation of the House.

The decline on the Stock Exchange was being discussed in every wine bar and every public house. Mr Lawson was going to talk to the Stock Exchange but not to the House.

The Speaker replied that there could have been an opportunity *to discuss the matter* today. There was nothing he could do *about it.*

Mr Smith said that if the Chancellor would come to the House at 7 o'clock, Labour would propose that the subject for debate be changed to cover this urgent topic.

Mr Tam Dalyell (Linlithgow, Lab) asked whether there had been a change of precedent. In the economic crisis of July 1966, Mr Speaker King took the key decision off his own bat about requiring the then Chancellor of the Exchequer (Mr James Callaghan) to come to the Dispatch Box against his will.

The Speaker replied that he was not responsible for making a statement.

Mr Peter Bottomley, Under Secretary of State, Transport, with children and a wreath at the Department of Transport in London yesterday. They were launching a campaign to draw attention to the needless deaths of children – more than 400 last year – in road accidents.

Hurd spells out the weapons to be banned

FIREARMS

The Government's proposals for tightening the law controlling the possession of firearms were outlined *to MPs by Mr* **Douglas Hurd**, the Home Secretary.

Speaking during a Commons debate on the subject, he said that the type of Kalashnikov rifle used by Michael Ryan in Hungerford would be among weapons to be banned.

He pointed out, however, that with illegal arms it was not a problem of the law *but of* enforcement. "We cannot give Hungerford an *absolute guarantee* against Ryan", he said.

The Government's package of measures should be completed by the end of next month and a Bill introduced before Christmas.

Opening the debate, **Mr Roy Hattersley**, chief Opposition spokesman on home affairs, moved an Opposition motion supporting the need for legislation to provide additional, stringent controls over the possession and use of firearms.

The motion wanted that legislation to require a separate certificate for each individual firearm and a central register of all approved firearms, to prohibit the private sale and use of all automatic and semi-automatic weapons and to ban all mail-order sales of firearms.

Mr Hattersley said that the motion sought a stengthening of the gun laws as demanded by the public and by police forces. He assumed that Mr Hurd was still not ready to stand up to the shotgun and mail order lobbies.

Public anxiety had been heightened by the Hungerford tragedy and the other terrible shootings of the summer. But it was important to make clear that those terrible events had demonstrated, rather than created, the urgent need for gun control.

He thought that the case for tighter gun control was generally accepted. *The point at issue* was the best way to achieve it.

❛ Hungerford cannot have an absolute guarantee ❜

The Opposition supported the Home Secretary's proposals to prohibit the manufacture, sale and possession of various martial arts weapons. It also supported his plans to make it illegal to carry knives or similar weapons in a public place, except in defined circumstances.

The Opposition would also support the Government in prohibiting the sale of knives by post, catalogue or mail order.

Mr Hurd intended to shift the onus of proof on to individuals carrying knives. Normally, such a requirement would be wholly unacceptable in a free society. But he believed that, in the particular case of knives, it was possible to construct powers that preserved essential liberties and enabled the police to act effectively.

He still opposed the general *principle of stop-and-search.* But the right to stop on reasonable *suspicion and to search,* with the safeguard of appropriate *warning and subject* to report, was necessary when a *police officer suspected* the possession of an offensive weapon.

Gun club members should have to keep their guns and ammunition at the club, rather than carry them home.

Mr Hurd moved a Government amendment that the House believed the time had come for a strengthened system of firearm controls, supported the need for further urgent but careful and detailed consideration of other measures under review and endorsed the Government's intention to announce shortly the outcome of this *examination* and to introduce new firearms legislation during this session of *Parliament.*

He said that as regards illegal firearms, the problem was not one of the law, but of enforcement.

"There is no point in pretending that *by making* changes in the law we could *guarantee* the safety *of the public against* the kind of quiet, withdrawn citizen who answers *every question,* fills in every form and keeps every *law until the moment* comes when he commits some atrocious crime. We cannot give Hungerford an absolute guarantee against Ryan."

The House had to recognize the wide variety of legitimate, often admirable and highly disciplined ways in which firearms were used in the United Kingdom.

❛ Shotguns will have, by law, to be stored securely ❜

"Weighing all this, the Government has concluded that the time has come to make a substantial shift in the law. One of the weapons used by Michael Ryan was a 7.62 calibre self-loading *Kalashnikov rifle.*

"I can see no justification for the possession of such weapons in private hands and I believe that these should become prohibited weapons. I also propose that burst-fire weapons, carbines and certain short-barrelled shotguns should become prohibited.

"The ease with which military and other weapons cans be converted from one classification to another has been a source of concern. "My proposal is, therefore, that where a firearm is converted from a higher classification to a lower one, it will retain its original, higher classification.

"In other words, once a Bren gun, always a Bren gun."

He proposed closing the loophole whereby visitors to the United Kingdom could purchase and possess shotguns without a shotgun certificate. He had also concluded that pump action and self-loading shotguns should be brought under Section 1 control so that good reason would be necessary for their possession.

"I am satisfied too, that there must be a statutory obligation on shotgun holders to store their shotguns securely when they are not being used."

The Governemnt was also proposing raising the maximum penalty for being in possession of a shotgun without a certificate in line with the similar offence in respect of other firearms. This would make it an indictable offence, with a maximum penalty of three years' imprisonment, or a fine, or both.

"The Government recognizes the *importance* of taking illegally held firearms out of circulation, and *to this end it* intends to conduct a firearms *amnesty during* the *course of* next year."

It was necessary to *allow* time to consider the proposals because the final arrangements had to be robust enough to last another 20 years.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Questions: Social Services; Prime Minister. Debate on defence estimates, first day.

Lords (2.30): Criminal Justice Bill, committee, fourth day.

Industrial projects praised

WALES

Wales had secured a total of 207 *projects* from overseas, involving more than 25,000 jobs and *more than* £760 million of capital investment, since the *establishment* of WINvest (Wales Investment Location) in *April*, 1983, *to* attract inward investment to the principality, **Mr Peter Walker**, Secretary of State for Wales, said during question time.

He was replying to **Sir Raymond Gower** (Vale of Glamorgan, C), who described the contents of the minister's reply as "the greatest success story in the whole Welsh economy".

Did Mr Walker expect that that would continue?

Mr Walker said that he did.

In recent months, the Welsh Office had received inquiries from overseas companies at an average rate of three every four working days.

In a few weeks' time, he would be visiting Japan to meet many companies interested in investing in Wales.

Government victory on Law Officer's power to refer 'too-lenient' sentences

HOUSE OF LORDS

The Government won approval in the House of Lords to give the Attorney General the power to refer unduly lenient sentences to the Court of Appeal which could impose a stiffer sentence. Voting was 151 to 108, a government majority of 43.

The new clause to the Criminal Justice Bill was introduced by the Government during the third day of the committee stage, replacing its original proposal which gave the Court of Appeal only the power to issue guidelines on controversial sentences, such as in the Ealing Vicarage rape case.

However, Lord Lane, Lord *Chief Justice*, and several other leading judges had urged the *Government during previus* consideration of the Bill to make a *more radical reform*.

Opposition and Alliance *peers did not press to the vote* their amendment which set up a *sentencing council to consider* and review sentencing policy.

Lord Caithness, Minister of State, Home Office, said it was no secret that the Government had wrestled with the problem of how to tackle unduly lenient sentences and had been attracted by different solutions to it.

The problem is not that sentences are generally unduly lenient but that very occasionally, especially in serious cases of public interest, a sentence is passed that arouses widespread concern about which there is no obvious remedy.

The Government's original more modest proposal was to give *the Attorney General* power to refer cases to the Court *of Appeal for guidelines*. However that had been criticized on *the grounds that it involved the* Attorney General in sentencing *policy and also from some peers* who thought it was too modest *and did nothing to increase* public confidence in the *judiciary*.

Caught in the crossfire, it seemed to *Mr Douglas Hurd* (the Home Secretary) that it was *better to adopt* the system of appeal which is used in several Commonwealth countries, including Australia, New Zealand and Canada.

Under the new clause the Attorney General had to decide within 28 days whether or not a sentence should be referred to the Court of Appeal. He did not expect more than 12 cases a year to be affected, based on the experience in other countries. He believed that the fears of those who argued the new clause will bring about a change in the role of the prosecution were exaggerated.

Lord Elwyn Jones, the former Lord Chancellor, speaking for the Opposition, moved an amendment which would set up an American-style sentencing council made up of the Lord Chief Justice with judges and Home Office officials to review sentencing policy from time to time and issue guidelines.

He said, as a former Attorney General, *he did not like the* Government proposal at all as it *plunged the Attorney General at* once into one side of the process *and so damaged his position as* representing public interests *fairly and firmly*.

The Government proposal would subject the offender to a kind of double jeopardy where he could be dealt with twice for the same offence. It was a move towards trial by television and media.

One could understand vigour in prosecution, but that was very different from intervening in the sentencing scene. He pointed out that the Government White Paper published in March 1986 resisted such a move. But now the Government had changed its mind.

At the end of the day the judges should be trusted. He *believed the standard of ju*diciary was as good now if not *better than it ever was.*

Lord Hutchinson of Lullington (*SDP*), who also supported Lord Elwyn Jones's amendment, said the prosecution had never been linked with longer sentences and harsher treatment for defendants. However, it did show this Government was hell bent on bringing into the criminal procedure features of inferior systems from overseas.

He said the Government proposal was wrong in principle; wrong constitutionally; and wrong traditionally. The great characteristic of Britain's system of sentences was that judges decided on individual cases using their own judgement and after gaining a feel for the case

Lord Lane, Lord Chief Justice, supported the Government proposal. He said the more the prosecution could play a part in the procedure, without determining that X years should be the minimum, the less likely it was that the Crown would need to appeal against over lenient sentences.

He said the power for the Court of Appeal to impose *stiffer sentences was necessary* because at the moment there *was no redress if a judge* had a rush of blood to the head and, *for instance, fined a rapist 50p.*

Lord Denning, the former *Master of the Rolls*, said that he had changed his mind on the issue.

He recalled sentencing a man of good character to nine months imprisonment for mowing down two girl cyclists. Later he believed he had made a mistake and should have given the man 18 months to two years' imprisonment but there was no remedy.

Alton has support of women

Seventy per cent of women *support Mr David Alton's Bill* to reduce the upper limit for *abortions from 28 to 18 weeks*, according to a Gallup poll conducted for the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children and published today.

Asked whether they believed the Bill went far enough, only 14 per cent of women said it was too strict, while 52 per cent believed it was about right and 18 per cent believed the limit should be reduced still further.

Among men, 44 per cent felt it was about right, with 22 per cent saying it was too strict and 10 per cent saying it was not strict enough.

The findings come just a day before Mr Alton presents his Bill to the Commons. The Liberal MP, who resigned his position as party chief whip to promote it, described the poll as "a great boost" which would give his campaign "enormous momentum".

The poll was conducted between October 9 and 13 among 882 respondents.

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Private members' Bills

Four 'pro-life' measures for House

By Martin Fletcher
Political Reporter

Backbench MPs of all parties will present to the Commons tomorrow some of the most contentious private members' *Bills for many years*, and some which will have an immediate impact on the *lives* of the ordinary citizen if they reach the statute book.

Of the MPs who drew the top 20 places in the ballot for Bills last July, no fewer than four have adopted "pro-life" measures. The one with the best chance of getting legislation enacted is Mr David Alton, the former Liberal *Chief Whip*.

He is proposing to reduce the legal limit for abortion from 28 to 18 weeks. The pro and anti-abortion lobbies are preparing for a mighty showdown. Mr Alton came third in the ballot and has a good chance of success, although it *is possible that compromise* amendments may be carried.

Of the other three, Mr Edward Leigh, Conservative MP for Gainsborough, wants clinics to be licensed *to per*form abortions on foreign women and required to arrange after-care for their patients.

Mr Kenneth Hind, Tory MP for Lancashire West, *hopes to outlaw experiments* on the human embryo and Mr Nicholas Winterton, Tory MP for Macclesfield, wants to ban cash links between clinics and the agencies that refer *women* to them for abortions. As all *three came* below fifteenth in the ballot they stand practically no chance of success.

Mr David Alton (left), who came third, and Mr Richard Shepherd, who topped the ballot.

The second most contentious Bill is that of Mr Richard Shepherd, Conservative MP for Aldridge-Brownhills, who topped the ballot.

He wants to repeal the widely discredited catch-all Section 2 of the Official Secrets Act, replacing it with six specific categories of information for which disclosure could still attract charges.

They would include information relating to defence, *international affairs, and sec*urity or intelligence whose unauthorized disclosure could seriously damage national interests.

*As the Bill deals with nat*ional security it will be almost impossible for the Government to stay neutral. Whether it reaches the statute book will depend primarily on whether the Government, which acknowledges the need for reform, comes down for or against.

Mr Archy Kirkwood, Liberal MP for Roxburgh, wants to enable patients to see reports written by doctors for *insurance companies* and employers. Mr Christopher Smith, Labour MP for Islington South, wants the introduction of public registers of enforcement notices that have been served after breaches of *the law* on public safety and environmental pollution.

They came ninth and tenth, respectively, in the ballot, and only the top dozen Bills stand any chance of success unless they have either government support or are so uncontroversial that they go through on the nod.

Number five in the ballot was Mr Stephen Day, Tory MP for Cheadle. He wants to make it compulsory for children under 14 to wear seatbelts in the rear of those cars that have *them fitted*. The Government is sympathetic.

Mr Nicholas Soames, Conservative MP for Crawley, who came seventh, wants to legalize Sunday sport. At present, certain events, such as the Wimbledon finals and the British Grand Prix, are *technically illegal under the* Sunday Observance Act, 1780

Mr Bill Walker, Tory MP for Tayside North and second in the ballot, was yesterday torn between a Bill to tighten the definition of what can genuinely be described by manufacturers as Scotch whisky, *or a Bill to empower* the Government to order disinvestment where companies have been taken over improperly.

Mr Jim Pawsey, Tory MP for Rugby and fourth in the ballot, *has* Consumers' Association backing for a Bill that will give consumers the right to go to court to settle disputes with, for instance, builders or *removal firms which* have written private arbitration clauses into their contracts.

Miss Emma Nicholson, Tory MP for Devon West and Torridge and eighth in the ballot, has government backing for a Bill to sanction the slaughter of deers in licensed abattoirs, a move that could popularize the eating of venison.

First payments on the Tsarist bonds

By Our Political Reporter

The Foreign Office is about to announce the first compensation payments for Tsarist government bonds, almost 70 years to the day since the start of the Russian Revolution, which rendered them worthless.

The 4,600 claimants are set to receive double what they were led to expect. An interim payment of about £3 million will be made now, with a final payment of a similiar amount at a later stage.

That represents approximately 20 per cent of the total value of the claims submitted for bonds after the agreement reached between the British and Soviet governments in July last year.

The Government *originally* indicated that claimants *might* receive about 10 per cent of the value of their claims, but in the event far fewer claims than expected were received. The last time there was any indication of the number of bonds still in existence was in 1951 when the Foreign Office closed its Russian compensation files.

Many have since been lost, destroyed, or used for wallpaper.

Ministers expect criticism for underestimating the payments that claimants would receive, but will argue that they made it clear that the 10 per cent figure was at best a "guesstimate". Those that chose not to claim will also find that, with about 750,000 bonds about to be destroyed, *the rarity value of those still in* circulation will be considerably enhanced.

The final payment for bonds cannot be made until it *is known how much of the £50* million fund must go to those whose forebears lost property as a result of the October Revolution.

Claims have been made for everything from farms and factories to parrots and tins of corned beef. Administrators of the Russian Compensation Fund must somehow check the accuracy of each claim and surmount *problems raised* by such matters as exchange rate fluctuations.

Speaker refuses debate

A request for an emergency debate on the decision last Thursday to drop prosecution proceedings against three men accused of conspiring to kidnap members of the African National Congress was rejected by the Speaker.

The men had appeared before Lambeth Magistrates' Court *when no evidence was offered* against them.

Mr Richard Caborn (Sheffield Central, Lab), making the application, said that, while the Attorney General had answered some questions, he had left many unanswered and had "caused and provoked many more", not least about the involvement of British and South African security services.

The **Speaker** *rejected the* request.

Challenge to RUC decision

Sir Eldon Griffiths, parliamentary spokesman for the three UK police federations yesterday challenged the decision of the RUC Chief Constable, Sir John Hermon, not to publish the RUC's recently promulgated code of conduct and said that, if necessary, he would publish it himself by putting it on the Commons record.

The 13-point code of conduct was sent to all the RUC's 11,000 men and women last week *and is to be incorporated* in the first chapter of its operations manual, under the title "Professional Policing Ethics".

At a news conference last week, the Chief Constable emphasized he had no intention of publishing the code of *conduct, drafting of which* began in January, 1985, about ten months before the Anglo-Irish agreement was signed.

On Saturday, the *Irish News*, Northern Ireland's Roman Catholic daily newspaper, *published* the 13 articles in a report which an RUC statement later dismissed as "inaccurate and in some instances erroneous and misleading".

Yesterday, the *Irish News* stood by its report, again printed the 13 articles and said that, when challenged, RUC *headquarters had been unable* to be more specific about its alleged inaccuracies.

From Westminster Sir Eldon said the code must, *sooner or later, be made* public.

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Poll tax fear fails to deter voters from registering

By David Walker, Public Administration Correspondent

The prospect of the community charge or poll tax is not deterring voters from registering on the electoral roll, according to a survey by *The Times*.

Critics of the tax, which will be introduced in Scotland in 1989 and England and Wales in spring 1990, claim people would be deterred from registering on the electoral roll if it is used to compile a list of those eligible to pay the community charge.

Meanwhile the Government's latest calculations of the effect of the community charge show that 10 million households will gain and 7.7 million will lose.

Mr Michael Howard, Minister for Local Government, indicated that on a head count, the losers might outnumber the gainers since many of the households that will gain contain single parents or old people live alone.

"Those who pay less will include some of the most vulnerable members of the community. The vast majority of one-parent families and single pensioners will pay less with the community charge than with rates", he said.

In the *Times* survey, electoral registration officers on Merseyside, in the West Midlands, in Yorkshire and Greater London report just as many registration forms being returned as in previous years.

In some parts of the country, such as Sheffield, there has even been an increase.

Among the big cities, only in Manchester is there any sign of reluctance to register to vote. Mr Andrew Scallan, the city's electoral officer, compared this year with last and found a 15,000 increase in the number of households not returning their forms.

Mr Scallan said: "We simply do not know at this stage whether this represents a reluctance to register because of poll tax. It could be that people do not see the need to register to vote because it is only a few months since the general election."

Mr Charles Lasham, Liverpool's elections officer, said no significant drop in registrations had been detected, although he was picking up a tendency for parents not to put down the names of teenagers who would become eligible to vote during the currency of the register. This could, he said, be because of fear of the poll tax.

Elsewhere the pattern is that registrations are much as expected, given that registrations tend to drop after a general election. In Wolverhampton, for example, registrations have been hit by the fact that during 1987 as well as the general election there have been local elections and a European Assembly by-election.

Of the London boroughs, Wandsworth, Barking, and Islington show no evidence of a drop. Election officers in Redbridge and Waltham Forest said they felt the response was more sluggish but were convinced that by the time forms were collated and there had been a follow-up canvass of electors, numbers would be up to scratch.

In the shire districts, the picture is generally as reported by Mr Rod Tuck, chief administrative officer of Torbay. "Poll tax fears, which may be there, have had no significant effect on voting registration."

Mr Derek Bell, elections officer in Labour-controlled Sheffield, said that at this stage in compiling the register he usually has a return of about 65 per cent of households.

This year the figure is 80 per cent, which he puts down to an active publicity campaign persuading people to register.

The cost of compiling a separate register of poll tax payers, to include every person over the age of 18, will be substantially reduced if the electoral register is accurate and complete.

Last-minute dash for the new dockland airport

London City Airport opened for business yesterday just three hours after the last workmen had left, and with paint still drying in the passenger lounges (Our Air Correspondent writes).

The race to prepare the £30 million airport in time was won just after 4 am. By then everything was in place except the business centre which, it is hoped, will attract thousands of customers from the City and the continent.

Although the first day of operations was comparatively quiet, both Brymon and Eurocity, the airlines operating from the airport built on the site of the old Royal Docks, predict that bookings will soon pick up.

Neither expect many advance bookings because they are relying on instant decisions by business passengers to fly to Paris or Brussels.

Throughout the day, the steady stream of De Havilland Dash-7 aircraft departing and landing (as above) had sometimes only a handful of paying passengers on board. Whether this will be enough to make a profit, with landing fees of £220 for each landing plus £9 per passenger, remains to be seen.

Both Brymon and Eurocity plan to meet the airport's developers and owners, Mowlem, to try to reduce the landing charges. They are higher than those at Heathrow in the winter.

The Queen will open the airport formally on November 5. (Photograph: Tim Bishop.)

The Times/RICS conservation awards

Top prize goes to docklands

By John Young

An immaculate restoration of part of London's docklands was rewarded last night with one of the two top prizes in the 1987 conservation awards scheme sponsored by *The Times* and the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors.

Mr Michael Clark, president of the RICS and Mr Charles Wilson, editor of *The Times*, said the conversion of New Concordia Wharf, a grain warehouse which fell out of use in the 1960s, into flats, workshops, studios and offices, was of quite outstanding merit.

It had been immaculately and imaginatively conceived and carried out and aptly illustrated the qualities sought in the scheme.

Those were meticulous conservation work on a building of character, enhancement of the building itself and its surroundings and great social benefit to the community, inspired by constructive, entrepreneurial vision.

The prize was awarded to the Jacobs Island Company. The architects were Pollard Thomas Edwards and Associates, the engineers Alan Baxter and Associates and the quantity surveyors E.C. Harris and Partners.

The other top award went to the King's Lynn Preservation Trust, in Norfolk, for the restoration of part of a terrace of fourteenth century timber-framed houses and its conversion to modern offices.

The judges say that the superb preservation of this ancient building is a great asset to the town.

It has been sensitively carried out, so that the Norman structure remains clearly visible. Timber preservation and joinery are quite exceptional in quality and detail. The quantity surveyors were Stock-ings and Clarke.

Mr Clark announced last night that the theme of the 1988 awards would be coast and countryside.

Awards would be given for outstanding projects which improved public facilities for the enjoyment of the countryside and rural coastline.

Entries should be in one of two categories: environmental projects providing public access to areas of scenic beauty or wildlife interest or water-based amenities, or educational projects including rural craft museums, interpretive centres or farm museums.

Projects must have been completed between January 1, 1985, and December 31, 1987, and must be entered by January 29, 1988. Entry forms can be obtained from Margaret Cox, 89 Erskine Hill, London NW11 6HJ.

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Sotheby's face claim over copy

By Andrew Morgan

A couple whose living-room painting Sotheby's overvalued by nearly £40,000 yesterday said they were considering seeking compensation from the auction house for distress.

Sotheby's was given the painting after Mr Gordon Melville and his wife, Edith, had been given a valuation on the BBC's *Antiques Roadshow*. The auctioneers said they had carefully examined the painting and valued it between £30,000 and £40,000, advising them to sell in November.

Earlier, Mr David Mason, resident expert on the BBC's *Antiques Roadshow*, had valued the painting, which the couple called "The Hare in the Snow", at up to £50,000 during a recording on July 9. He said it was the work of the Swedish painter Bruno Liljefors.

Mr Melville signed a contract on August 19 allowing Sotheby's to sell the painting.

Hearing nothing for weeks, Mr Meville telephoned Miss Cherry Kisch, of Sotheby's nineteenth century art department, who said there were doubts on authenticity.

Mr Alex Apsis, of Sotheby's, told him last week he had located the original in a private Swedish colllection and Mr Melville's painting, dated about 1900, was a copy worth £500.

In a letter, Mr Apsis said the initial valuation was a "first impression". Mr Melville said: "We were devastated." Sotheby's said yesterday: "We are not infallible and it must be a mega-disappointment but if our expertise had not been so good, then a fake could have been released on to the art market".

The BBC said last night that the show's producers were disappointed. Mr Mason said it was his first big mistake in 10 years. Mr Christopher Lewis, the producer, described the painting as a "brilliant fake".

Aids forum

Call to let nurses prescribe drugs

By Jill Sherman, Social Services Correspondent

Nurses must be able prescribe and administer intravenous drugs to Aids sufferers so that more people can be cared for at home, the Royal College of Nursing said yesterday.

Mr Richard Wells, the college's adviser on Aids, said that it would be impossible to cope with the expected numbers of patients with Aids and related infections unless community nurses took on more responsibility.

The conference was told that by 1991 more than a million people in this country are expected to be infected with the HIV virus, of whom at least 20,000 would have developed the disease.

"Unless we then build hundreds of hospitals, which is clearly impossible, there will be no care for these dying people", Mr Wells said.

Speaking at the inaugural conference of the college's Nursing Forum on Aids, Mr Wells said that it was absurd that community nurses in many health authorities were not allowed to inject drugs into Aids sufferers unless they had been on extensive specialized courses.

"As a cancer nurse I can tell a nine-year old child with Down's syndrome how to administer drugs into a catheter. I can show her father and mother how to do it but I cannot show a nurse."

Nurses must call for the right both to prescribe and administer drugs.

He criticized nurse managers and general managers for trying to prevent nurses with basic training from administering drugs.

Former prostitute loses test tube baby appeal

A former prostitute who is unable to have children lost her appeal yesterday against a decision to ban her from a test tube baby programme.

Mr Justice Schiemann refused in the High Court to order a judicial review of the ruling against Mrs Janet Harriott by St Mary's Hospital, Manchester.

Mrs Harriott, aged 36, of Levenshulme, Manchester, was put on the waiting list for *in vitro* fertilization in 1983.

However, her application was rejected 18 months later after the hospital learned that her previous attempts at adoption had been refused because of convictions for running a brothel and soliciting.

She was seen by Dr Pamela Buck who at first told her that she was being refused the fertilization treatment because her husband's semen was infected.

"The true reason for the refusal was not revealed to the lady", the judge said. Later the doctor told Mrs Harriott she could not be treated because of a liver abnormality.

It was not until September 1985 that Mrs Harriott and her husband were told that the decision was made because of the refusal by the adoption agencies to consider placing children with them.

Mrs Harriott accused the hospital's Infertility Services Ethical Committee of wrongly advising her removal from the list of applicants. She claimed the decision was made without giving her the opportunity to answer the allegations made against her.

The judge said: "I have no reason to suspect that they have acted unfairly". Mrs Harriott had the chance to give Dr Buck more information.

MSC cash saves city job charity

A jobs charity which set up a community project run by a man who Home Office ministers want dismissed is to be rescued by funds from the Manpower Services Commission.

Mr Kuomba Balogun, who has convictions for firebombing a police station and for assault on the police, was appointed acting coordinator of the project at St Paul's, Bristol. The scheme was established by the charity, Bristol 1,000, to liase with black groups with a view to setting up a Local Development Agency.

The charity has a £225,000 deficit which the MSC has agreed to defray provided it can find alternative sources of funding. It is hoping to receive support from the Labour-controlled Bristol City Council, which has also contributed to Mr Balogun's project.

Major funding for the project came from the Local Development Agency Fund, which receives £1 million a year from the Home Office and the departments of Health and Social Security, Transport and the Environment, to aid community organizations.

Mr Balogun, aged 27, had the support of Mr William Waldegrave, Conservative MP for Bristol West and Minister for Housing and Planning, until Mr Balogun led a group on a tour of Northern Ireland last month and later praised the IRA.

Mr John Patten, Minister of State at the Home Office, threatened at the weekend to reconsider the fund's future unless, something was done about Mr Balogun's job.

Mr Nigel Siederer, the fund's co-ordinator, said yesterday that its money was paid to an agency, not an individual.

Cut-throat evidence warning

Two of the men accused of murdering five people at Burgate House in Hampshire last year had used a "cut-throat" defence, each pointing a finger at the other, the jury was told yesterday.

Mr Justice Hobhouse, summing up on the sixteenth day of the trial at Winchester Crown Court, told the jury that in spite of the horrific crimes committed, and the defence tactics of George Stephenson, aged 35, and George Daly, aged 25, the case should be viewed dispassionately.

Although the accused were members of what could be called the "criminal classes", that did not mean they were guilty. It was for the Crown to prove their guilt. The defence did not have to prove anything.

Mr Justice Hobhouse said there had been what was colloquially known as a "cut-throat defence". Mr George Daly had given evidence strongly adverse to Mr Stephenson and, likewise, Mr Stephenson had given evidence strongly adverse to both Mr George Daly and the third accused, John Daly, aged 21.

"You must be very careful in evaluating such evidence. It is not safe for you to convict anyone on the word of either George Stephenson or George Daly", he said.

The men deny murdering Mr Joseph Cleaver, aged 82, his wife Hilda, aged 82, their son Thomas, aged 47, his wife Wendy, aged 46, and Mrs Margaret Murphy, aged 70, a residential nurse.

Mr George Daly and Mr Stephenson also deny charges of rape and robbery. John Daly has admitted charges of rape and robbery.

The trial continues today.

Tobacco advert ban urged

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

The British Medical Association and a leading cancer charity called on the Government yesterday to impose a ban on cigarette advertising as part of a campaign to cut smoking among children and teenagers.

The association is also hoping to win the support of churches in giving anti-smoking leaflets to couples about to marry, to warn them of the health risks to themselves and their children, should they start a family.

Dr John Dawson, head of the BMA's professional and scientific division, said yesterday: "The Government must not prevaricate any further and must introduce a ban on all cigarette advertising, together with an increase in cigarette taxation at the next Budget."

Responses from the Roman Catholic and Anglican Churches to the plan to offer anti-smoking leaflets to couples about to marry are said to have been "broadly enthusiastic".

Some four-year-olds puff their parents' cigarettes, and infants may learn to like the smell of tobacco on their parents, Dr Anne Charlton, of the Cancer Research Campaign, said.

By the age of 11, almost half of children who smoke have frequent coughs, nearly twice as many as non-smoking children, she said.

A Government report published last week showed that 12 per cent of girls aged between 11 and 16 in England and Wales smoke cigarettes, as do 7 per cent of boys in the same age group.

In Scotland, 14 per cent of girls and 10 per cent of both girls and boys of those ages also smoke.

The higher rate among girls was largely because teenage girls wanted to be slim and attractive and believed smoking kept their weight down, Dr Charlton, director of the charity's education and child studies research group in Manchester, said.

But children had an important role to play in helping each other and their parents to give up cigarettes. "We have seen a significant reduction among fathers whose sons and daughters brought home health education messages from school," Dr Charlton said.

Children from the Northwest of England are to meet Mrs Edwina Currie, Under-Secretary of State at the Department of Health and Social Security, at the Commons on Thursday to tell her of their anti-smoking campaigns. The children are among 25,000 members of the "Smokebusters' Club".

Data protection: 2

Offenders face unlimited fines after spot checks on files

In the second of a two-part series Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent, looks at how the data protection laws will be enforced.

Alongside the new right to see personal computer files which takes effect on November 11, the Data Protection Registrar's powers as the watchdog for the new laws come fully into force.

The registrar and his officials will conduct "spot checks" on who is complying with the law. Persistent non-compliance can lead to prosecution and, in the crown court, unlimited fines.

Mr John Lamidey, assistant registrar in charge of investigations, said: "We are just starting to crank up. From January this year we have had a team of 13 investigators who cover all parts of the country on our behalf."

There is still considerable confusion, he added. "But time has gone on and we must now bring our enforcement powers to bear."

Mr Eric Howe, data protection registrar, and his 60 staff based at Wilmslow, Cheshire, are charged with ensuring that those who process personal data, bar certain exemptions, have registered and conform to certain principles.

These cover how the data are collected, whatthey are used for, its accuracy and relevance, and security. Not only is it a criminal offence not to register under the Act if personal data covered by the Act are handled; it is a criminal offence for a company or individual data user to use that data in any way not stated on the register entry.

If there is a breach of the Act or its principles, people can complain to the registrar or pursue a claim in the courts. The registrar may either try for a "mediated" solution or use his powers to prosecute or to issue enforcement notices.

These require data users to take specified action to comply with the law and failure to do so is a criminal offence.

The registrar can issue a notice wiping a user from the register, preventing him from processing the data legally. There is a right of appeal against a notice to the Data Protection Tribunal.

"I cannot act like God; my notices are challengeable and a court would decide who was right," Mr Howe said.

Last week saw the first use by data protection officials of their powers to search and seize, in a raid on the home of a special constable in Staffordshire. They applied for a warrant at Stafford Crown Court after complaints from police that he was processing data on other constables.

Mr Lamidey said the man was not registered as a data user. "Normally we would apply for a warrant having first notified the person. But there is provision for us to go to a judge without doing so, and we felt that in this case, this was appropriate because the individual might otherwise destroy the evidence."

Computer users who process personal data have had since May 11 1986 to comply with the Data Protection Act 1984, by registering what data they hold and why.

Mr Howe believes they should have about 200,000-250,000 users registered as against the present total of about 145,000. But new registrations have been coming in fast since the issuing of a simplified form for small businesses.

For many companies, the Act has required a big effort to gear up to ensure compliance both with its principles and to meet the new right of access.

But there have also been difficulties for the many thousands of home computer owners in knowing whether or not they should register under the Act.

The right of people to see their files could have a marked effect on compliance with the law. Mr Howe, who predicts a rise in complaints, hopes that requests by the public "will have the salutary effect of winkling out unregistered users."

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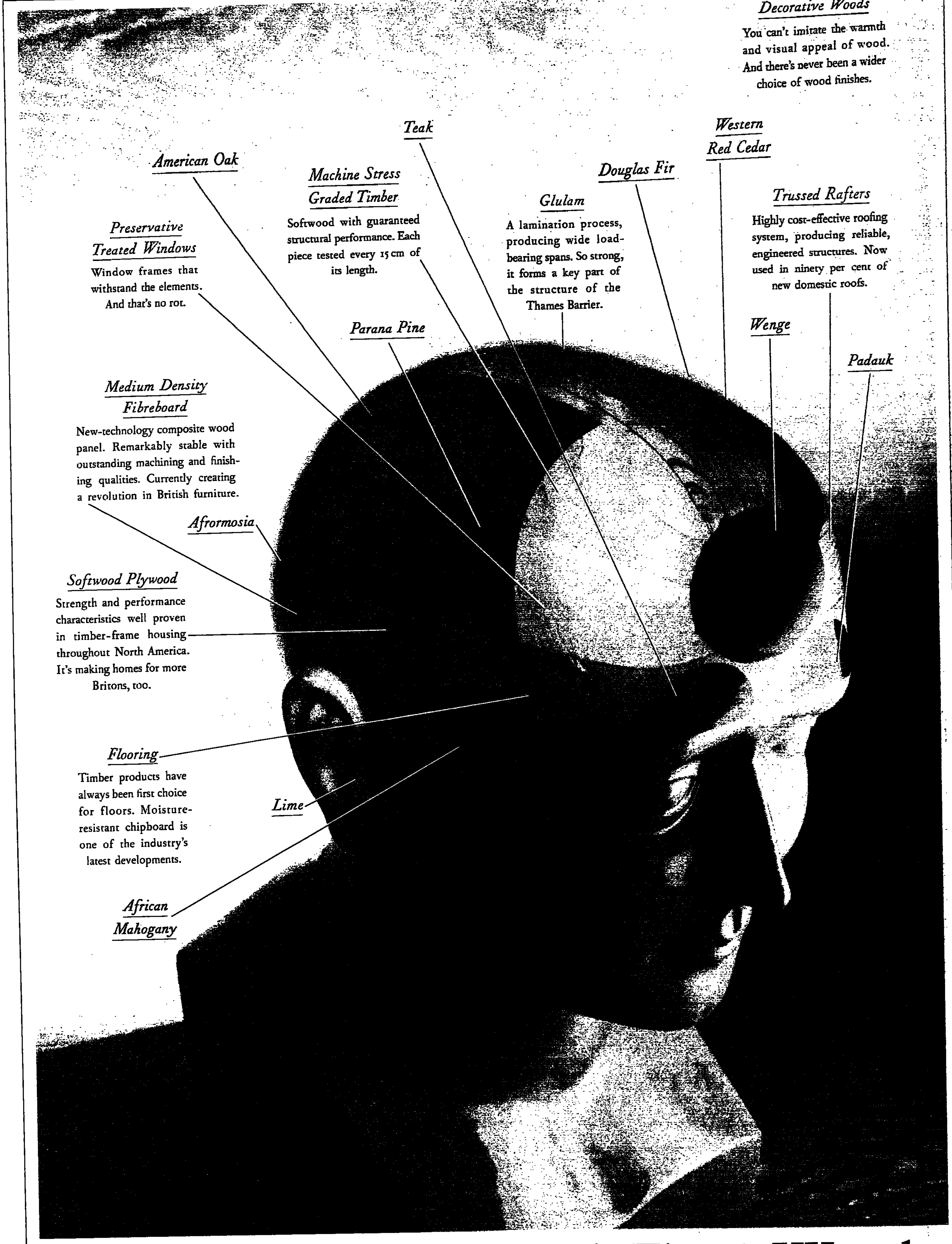

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WORLD SUMMARY

Salvador rights leader is killed

San Salvador (AFP) — Gunmen shot and killed the president of the Salvadorean Human Rights Commission, Señor Herber Anaya Sanabria (below), as he was leaving his home here yesterday, witnesses said. Señor Anaya, aged 33, the second commission head to be murdered in four years, was shot at point-blank range by two unidentified gunmen using automatic weapons with silencers.

Witnesses said Señor Anaya had gone to get his car in a parking lot near his home in the northern part of the city to take his children to school when he was shot. The children witnessed the killing but escaped.

An official of the Human Rights Commission accused the Salvadorean Government and armed forces of responsibility for the assassination and said other commission members had received death threats.

Train link approved

Brussels — Five European Transport Ministers last night gave the green signal for a high-speed train service linking Britain with the continent through the Channel tunnel (Jonathan Braude writes).

At the meeting in Brussels, Mr Paul Channon, the Transport Secretary, and his French, German, Belgian and Dutch counterparts gave political approval for a service expected to carry more than 40 million passengers a year by 1995.

Solidarity boycott

Warsaw (Reuter) — Poland's outlawed Solidarity trade union has called for a boycott of a national referendum in which the Government is seeking support for a radical reform programme.

It said the referendum was vaguely worded and warned Poles against taking part in what it called a "propaganda exercise". "One should remember that the country is ruled today by the same group that six years ago quashed society's democratic aspirations by imposing martial law," the statement, signed by Mr Lech Walesa, said.

Belgrade criticized

Vienna (Reuter) — Albania said yesterday that Yugoslavia's decision to send special police units to its troubled province of Kosovo had created a "very grave" situation and worsened relations between Belgrade and Tirana.

Kosovo is an autonomous province of Yugoslavia, and all but 200,000 of the province's inhabitants are ethnic Albanians.

The official Albanian news agency said that the dispatch of special police forces on Sunday had followed demonstrations of "Serb chauvinists".

Philippines bombing

Zamboanga, Philippines (Reuter) — Rebels bombed a businessmen's conference being held in a Roman Catholic dormitory on Jolo island, killing three people and wounding 26, the military said yesterday. Six bridges in the southern Philippines were also bombed.

No one has claimed responsibility for the dormitory attack but the army believe it was the work of the Muslim rebel group, the Moro National Liberation Front, which is fighting for self-rule. The bomb was hidden in a paper bag among [illegible] by the businessmen.

Israelis in camp raid

Dheisheh (Reuter) — Israeli paratroopers and security men questioned hundreds of young Palestinians yesterday in a midnight raid here, one of the West Bank's most turbulent refugee camps, army sources said.

All were released hours later, except for 18 accused of leading stoning attacks against Israeli cars passing the camp, the sources said.

The occupied West Bank's Israeli commander said the operation was intended to ensure the safety of traffic on the Jerusalem-Hebron road, which many Jewish settlers use daily.

Defector's dilemma

Moscow (Reuter) — Mr Wade Roberts, aged 22, a US Army soldier who defected to the Soviet Union in April, said yesterday he was "country-hunting" after rejecting an East German offer of shelter there.

The soldier, who is living in a Moscow hotel with his West German girlfriend, earlier said he might like to live in East Germany.

But he said the East German Embassy in Moscow had informed him yesterday he would be put in a deprogramming camp when he arrived there and stripped of his American citizenship.

Peking fans celebrate

Peking — In the first large gathering of people in central Peking since the student demonstrations last winter, a crowd of jubilant Chinese football fans shouted, sang and let off firecrackers to celebrate their team's 2-0 victory over Japan (Mary Dejevsky writes).

After the match, which was shown live on Chinese television, about 300 fans converged on the Japanese Embassy and cycled triumphantly round and round it, shouting and singing.

Europeans feel INF accord likely despite summit blow

From Richard Owen, The Hague

As the foreign and defence ministers of the seven-nation Western European Union gathered here yesterday for the first day of a two-day meeting on the future of European defence, some European officials said they feared that superpower differences over the US Star Wars programme could put at risk potential arms agreements in other areas.

But most officials said they believed a deal on intermediate nuclear forces (INF) — the agreement that affects Europe most directly — would be struck despite Mr Mikhail Gorbachov's surprise decision to back away from a summit meeting with Mr Reagan. Sir Geoffrey Howe said it was up to Mr Gorbachov to remove "obstacles of his own making".

The European grouping, little known until recently, has come into focus as the forum for European defence at a time when the superpowers are negotiating deals that affect European interests directly. The union has also played a discreet role in co-ordinating European activities in the Gulf. The sweeping proposals aired at last year's Reykjavik summit shocked Europeans and persuaded many that Europe should have its own voice in defence matters.

The grouping was formed in the 1950s but remained largely moribund until recent events gave it fresh impetus. It groups together Britain, France, West Germany, Italy and the Benelux nations.

The current meeting, chaired by the Dutch, is seen as an opportunity to analyse further the motives behind Mr Gorbachov's actions. In Brussels at the weekend, Mr George Shultz, the American Secretary of State, briefed Nato on his Moscow talks and assured European Foreign Ministers that he had found the Soviet leader vigorous and in control.

This reinforced the view, shared by France, that Mr Gorbachov has taken a last-minute gamble to wring concessions from Washington over Star Wars, or Strategic Defence Initiative, and in doing so may have miscalculated. Others, however, including British and German officials, tend to the view that Mr Gorbachov is being obstructed by rivals.

Yesterday the ministers put the final touches to a Charter for European Defence. This has in the past alarmed the United States, which fears that a more powerful WEU could take a European stand distinct from that of Washington.

Behind the immediate issue of an INF deal, removing from Europe both cruise and Pershing 2 missiles and Soviet SS20s, lies the broader question of whether recent bilateral defence links between Europe's Big Three — Britain, France and West Germany — should be given formal shape. Britain and France have moved toward closer consultation over their independent nuclear deterrents, while France and West Germany have held joint military manoeuvres. French leaders have hinted that the French *force de frappe* could protect West Germany.

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French fishing boats close Boulogne

French fishing boats blockading the port of Boulogne yesterday in a protest against a British move to ban them from some fishing grounds. The demonstration stopped sailings between Boulogne and England. Calais saw a similar protest.

Guns-for-all crusade prospers in US

From Charles Bremner, New York

It has been a good month for gun-owning in America. In Washington, the Justice Department has just been persuaded to drop its opposition to new, high-technology plastic guns, weapons which contain so little metal they cannot be detected.

And in Florida, people are flocking to gun shops after a new law allowed anyone without a criminal record to carry a concealed weapon.

Both the Florida law and the Washington decision were triumphs for the National Rifle Association (NRA), the hugely powerful gun lobby.

Opponents of the guns-for-all crusade of the NRA are, of course, appalled. But emotion, legend and a billion-dollar-a-year gun industry give the gun lobby the muscle it needs to maintain a ferocious defence of the Constitution's guarantee of the citizen's right to bear arms.

Mr Edwin Meese, the Attorney-General, withdrew the Justice Department's backing for legislation against plastic guns last week after a meeting with NRA officials.

A Bill to outlaw the weapons, which could prove ideal for hijacking and assassination, is still before the Senate.

"If they don't stop these weapons, this will be a grave threat to our society," says Mrs Susan Whitmore, spokeswoman for Handgun Control, a puny Washington lobby organization compared with the gunslingers of the NRA.

The Florida law, one of several recent moves by states to make gun-owning easier, is so extreme that it has hit the headlines with stories accompanied by pictures of old ladies trying on shoulder holsters.

The Florida legislators ignored the evidence from a few big cities which have imposed tighter gun curbs. In New York, for example, a 1980 law severely cut the number of gun licences. Police say this contributed to a heavy drop in the crime rate in the city.

Gorbachov 'playing solitaire'

From Michael Binyon Washington

If Mr Mikhail Gorbachov is playing games over an arms control treaty, "he's playing solitaire", President Reagan said yesterday.

The President's comment came before he was briefed by Mr George Shultz, the Secretary of State, on the latter's meeting with the Soviet leader last week.

The two discussed the next move in the light of Mr Gorbachov's refusal to attend a summit without prior US concessions on space-based weapons, or Star Wars.

President Reagan has ruled out his Strategic Defence Initiative being used as a bargaining chip. And Mr Shultz warned Mr Gorbachov not to delay a summit too long, as it could overlap with the US presidential elections.

Mr Marlin Fitzwater, the White House spokesman, said yesterday he hoped Mr Gorbachov "did not make a miscalculation in underestimating the President's resolve on SDI. People have underestimated Ronald Reagan in the past and it has been a mistake to do that."

The Administration is still hopeful of an agreement on intermediate range missiles, which could be signed soon.

COMMENTARY

Geoffrey Smith

Mr George Shultz has warned that if the Soviet Union continues to delay, there might be no further summit meeting between Mr Gorbachov and President Reagan. But would that really matter?

There was a natural reaction of disappointment in the West when Mr Gorbachov refused to fix a date last week. It seemed too much like Reykjavik all over again. Once more, the Soviet leader had encouraged hopes only to dash them at the last moment. Once more, Mr Shultz's lugubrious countenance proclaimed his dismay to the world.

Yet the memory of Reykjavik should have been a reminder that not all summits serve a useful purpose. An INF treaty — whatever one may think of its merits — can be agreed without the two leaders meeting in Washington next month. Negotiations can still proceed on other forms of disarmament if both sides want them.

Another summit at this time would have had two possible functions. It might have been an occasion to resolve at the very top deadlocks that had developed at official level.

But while that sounds fine in theory, one must ask whether President Reagan is really equipped to conduct that kind of negotiation with Mr Gorbachov. The lesson of Reykjavik is surely that this would be taking too much of a chance with Western, and more specifically European, security interests.

A summit would also have had a political dimension. It would have given Mr Reagan the chance of a public success to distract attention from all his other difficulties, and it might well have suffused the disarmament process in a euphoric glow.

But for any President of the United States to go into discussions with the leader of the Soviet Union in order to relieve his political embarrassments at home would be precisely the wrong basis on which to conduct the dialogue. That would be to negotiate in a spirit of political vulnerability, which could be nearly as dangerous as negotiating from military weakness.

It would also be undesirable to encourage a sense of euphoria about disarmament. In saying this, I am certainly not arguing against the whole process. To be opposed to all agreements would be just as foolish as welcoming any agreement for the sake of keeping the process going.

What is needed is an approach that is positive, but also coolly rational. Disarmament measures are in our interest if, but only if, two conditions are satisfied. A balance of strength has to be preserved at a lower level of arms, and nothing should be done to diminish the credibility of the American commitment to the defence of Europe.

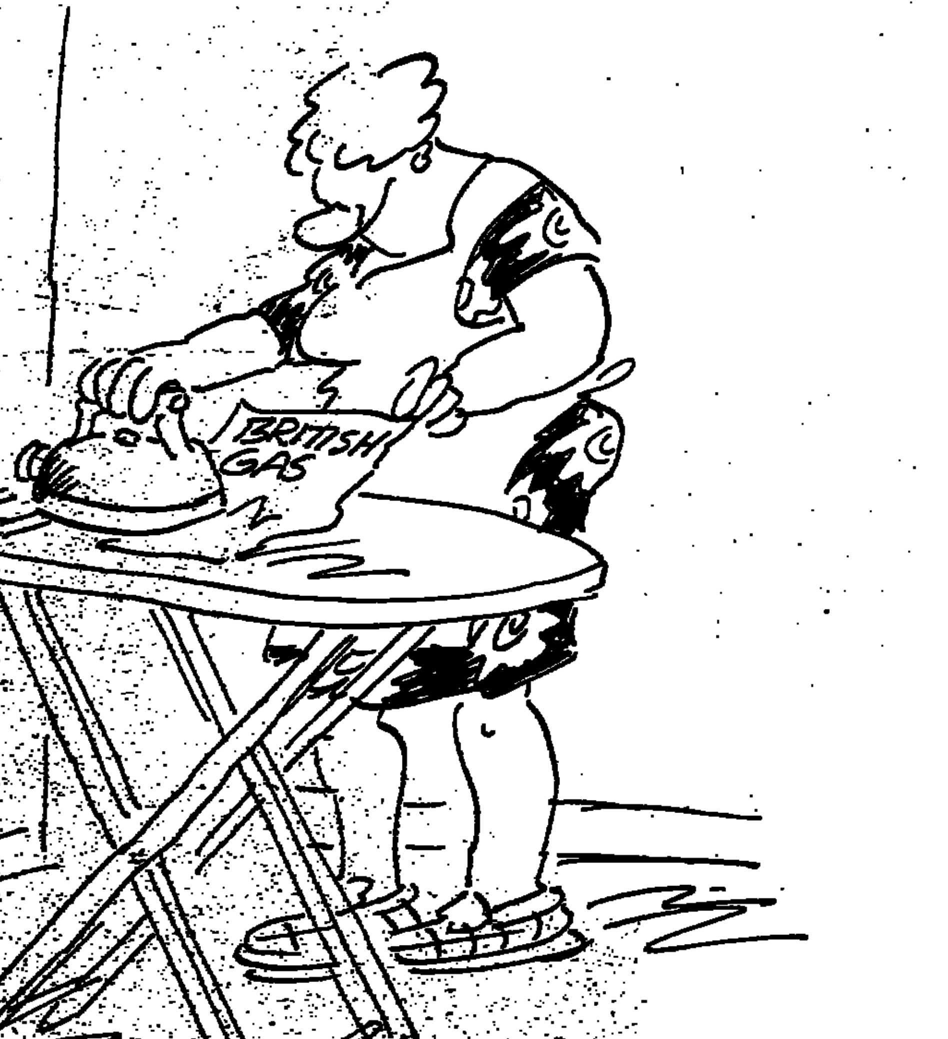
It is because it fails to meet the second of these criteria that the proposed zero-zero INF agreement is not, to my mind, in Western Europe's interest. But a sharp reduction of INF missiles — down to something like 100 on each side in Europe — would be. So would a significant cut in strategic arms, provided that Britain and France were able to keep their deterrents.

Some agreement on conventional forces may be possible, but considerable care should be taken to ensure that this did not provide a cloak of international respectability for a massive withdrawal of American troops from Europe.

In due course, some compromise on the American Strategic Defence Initiative — the specific cause of Mr Gorbachov's refusal to have another summit now — seems quite likely. The chances of Congress continuing indefinitely to fund the project at the level Mr Reagan would like do not seem very high.

But none of these decisions should be taken to entice Mr Gorbachov to Washington. Nor is it healthy for there to be public expectation that a particular meeting is bound to yield dramatic results.

If another summit has to wait until there is a new President in the White House, that will be disappointing for Mr Reagan. But it may not be such bad news for the rest of us.



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Lure of cash crops and loss of arable land undermine agricultural reforms in China

Peking pledges to tackle grain shortage

From Mary Dejevsky
Peking

China will become a net importer of grain this year for the second year running, and far-reaching changes are planned in the organization of land use in an attempt to combat the problem, a senior Chinese official said yesterday.

Mr Du Runsheng, who has played a leading role in China's agricultural reform programme and directs the rural policy research offices of the Communist Party and state Government, told journalists in Peking yesterday that China would need to import four to five million tonnes more than it would be exporting this year. As this is a net figure, total imports could be much higher.

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The shortfall has arisen despite predictions that this year's grain harvest will be the second highest on record.

Mr Du suggested that one reason for the increased imports was the growing taste of the Chinese for beer and other alcoholic drinks.

Charting China's future: Mr Du Runsheng, left, seeking to improve grain production, and Mr Zhao Ziyang, right, helping to dispel rumours of a split in the leadership.

There are two other reasons, however, why grain production has failed to meet targets and keep pace with higher living standards in China. The problem for the leadership is that both are a direct result of the rural reform programme instituted in 1978.

The first is the preference of Chinese farmers, now they have a choice, to grow cash crops such as tangerines and melons for sale on the free markets, because the profits are higher and more immediate. Farmers consequently fulfil only their minimum contractual obligations to the state for grain. While this could probably be remedied, albeit expensively, by increasing the state purchase prices, the second problem is less tractable and longer term.

Despite having one quarter of the world's population, China has only 7 per cent of its arable land. The gradual dismantling of collectivized agriculture over the past nine years has led to division of the best land into small areas, which are often unsuitable for growing grain.

It is not unusual in the south-west of the country, where the best land is to be found, for one family to have several small strips of land in different places. The result is that land is being divided into smaller and smaller parcels.

As peasants in the richer agricultural areas have increased their income, they have also started to extend their houses and build new ones, reducing the area of arable land still further. The Chinese leadership is now proposing to tax arable land that is used for purposes other than agriculture.

But the greater problem is the fragmentation of arable land. The children leaving rural schools now and going to work on the land are the product of the baby boom during the Cultural Revolution. There is not enough land to go round; there is even less that is suitable for growing grain.

The solution proposed yesterday by Mr Du is to introduce a system whereby peasants can buy a lease for the use of land, according to its quality. The leases would be transferable, and the leaseholder would be able to charge the buyer in proportion to the sum he had invested in it.

The thinking behind the proposal is that peasants would own the right to utilize the land, without owning the land itself. The ideological distinction is important; in practice, the idea is likely to come as close to privatizing agricultural land as to be almost indistinguishable — except in so far as ownership is not in perpetuity.

If China's bill for grain imports is not to increase rapidly, however, the only alternative would appear to be a return to the collective. In some places, local party and government officials have already tried to recollectivize land.

Peking — *As the congress went into its second day, the party paper, the People's Daily, published an article clearly designed to dispel rumours of discord among the elderly leaders. It recounted an informal meeting between Mr Deng Xiaoping, the paramount leader, and a group of senior officials.*

They wished each other good health and exchanged impressions in advance of the opening of the congress. A prominently displayed photograph showed Mr Deng clutching the hand of Mr Peng Zhen, aged 85, believed less enthusiastic about reforms.

The paper also printed a picture of the acting party leader, Mr Zhao Ziyang, shaking hands with Mr Hu Yaobang, who was removed from the general secretaryship in January. Mr Zhao is likely to be confirmed as party leader at the Central Committee meeting after the congress.

Trying to beat Russia at the glasnost game

From Our Own Correspondent, Peking

When the Chinese Communist Party opens its great ceremonial occasion, the first day of the party congress, to foreign journalists and fails to invite either foreign communists or diplomats based in Peking, the meaning is unambiguous — modern communications are now regarded as a more effective means of conveying the message than either "socialist internationalism" or "diplomatic channels".

The Russians came to this conclusion soon after Mr Mikhail Gorbachov took office two and a half years ago. It has taken the Chinese a little longer, but by starting with the hitherto sacrosanct party congress, or at least a fraction of it, they are beating the Russians at their own game. *Glasnost* has come to Peking, where it has transformed itself into *kaifeng* and, as the gnomic Chinese press spokesman might say, they are essentially the same — but different.

> The Chinese are well versed in the rhetorical arts

So far as *glasnost* in trade and travel is concerned, the Russians have much to learn from the old men who rule China. But where information is concerned, which is the essence of *glasnost* if not of *kaifeng* (which mens openness), the balance is finer. In the press, the Russians have the edge. While their news reporting is increasingly contemporary and their comment at times contentious, Chinese papers are still in the age of historical allegory, bald economic statistics — probably embellished — and ideological abstractions.

Their methods for dealing with journalists are similar. For the congress, the Chinese have gone out of their way to provide correspondents with the tools they think they need — telex and facsimile machines, telephones, local and international — the official news agency, the single English language paper, a meeting room and limitless tea. And they are keeping them busy: as well as two congress sessions, they are holding briefings by senior party officials, at which questions are invited and sometimes answered, and offering interviews.

The Chinese have yet to learn, as the Russians already have, that any session over an hour is too long. But they have a natural courtesy and willingness to please that Soviet press officials are only slowly acquiring.

But, if the methods are similar, so are the ground rules: treat journalists well without washing *all* your dirty linen in public. Arouse their curiosity with talk of change and hints of news, but try not to leave too many clues about issues you would rather conceal.

In the fanfare surrounding the congress, much has been concealed. The unrest in Tibet and its aftermath have faded from the news bulletins for lack of information.

Tibet itself has been virtually sealed off. The number of tour groups has been reduced, individual tourists are discouraged from going there and journalists are banned. Asked whether Tibet would be on the agenda for the party congress, the press spokesman said not, and added that congress delegates would not be answering questions about it either.

China's dissident intellectuals are silent to their own people. Mr Fang Lizhi, the Anhui university professor who defended student demonstrators last year, has moved house and is incommunicado. But he was able to give an outspoken interview, defending the Western concept of democracy, to the German magazine, *Der Spiegel*. Mr Wu Zuguang, a leading playwright who was expelled from the party in August, has spoken, equally frankly, to the BBC. Others on the fringes of intellectual dissent may speak to foreigners, or to their peers, but their words and deeds go unreported in the Chinese media.

So comprehensive a management of information as the Chinese are achieving this week would be harder in the Soviet Union. Despite the far greater restrictions on travel, foreigners in the Soviet Union merge more readily into the crowd and Russians are becoming more ready to give opinions to strangers.

The Chinese are either too embarrassed or else their desire to please will prompt the answer they think you want to hear. They are well versed in the rhetorical arts of balance and periphrasis. When the official press spokesman, asked for the current inflation level in China, replies that "the money supply will be increased in line with rising prices", little information has changed hands.

The motivation for *glasnost* is quite the same. Both the Soviet Union and China appear to have recognized that obsessive secrecy has given them a poor image. In the past, perhaps when they needed the Western world less, they found that the advantages of secrecy outweighed the disadvantages. Now, television and radio, air travel and tourism have made it less easy for governments to insulate whole countries.

> The words and deeds of dissidents go unreported

There may also be a sense in which, seeing the comparative economic success of the West, they wish to try out a few of the other distinctive features of Western society — within bounds — to see if they will work.

But if this is what lies behind the "openness" phenomenon, then *glasnost* has a head start over *kaifeng*. The Soviet leadership is talking, at least, of "democratization", of giving people more information to involve them more in the political process. Even if these are just words, Moscow has acknowledged the sentiment. In China, *glasnost* is for outsiders. The headlong rush into *kaifeng*, however, may make China's *glasnost*, when it comes, worthier of the translation "openness" than the Soviet brand is now.

Troubled Tahiti

French force rises to 1,000 after riot

From Susan MacDonald, Paris

More than 1,000 troops and special riot police are now stationed on the French Polynesian island of Tahiti, where a night curfew and a state of emergency were declared after rioting hit the capital, Papeete, on Friday.

Papeete yesterday was reported to be calm, and shopkeepers and property owners in the centre of the capital are surveying the damage caused by the mob of about 500 people who set fire to buildings, looted shops and overturned cars.

M Robert Pandraud, the French Minister for Security, said in Paris that, while the disturbances were serious, they would have no repercussions for French sovereignty.

The Minister for Overseas Territories, M Bernard Pons, said the security forces had the situation under control, showing the French wish to minimize the rioting, which they see as a result of the dock strike and without political implications.

French gendarmerie on Tahiti, whose numbers have been boosted by several more squadrons in the last two days, are in charge of maintaining order, and a special detachment of 200 Foreign Legionnaires, flown in from Mururoa Atoll, is responsible for the port.

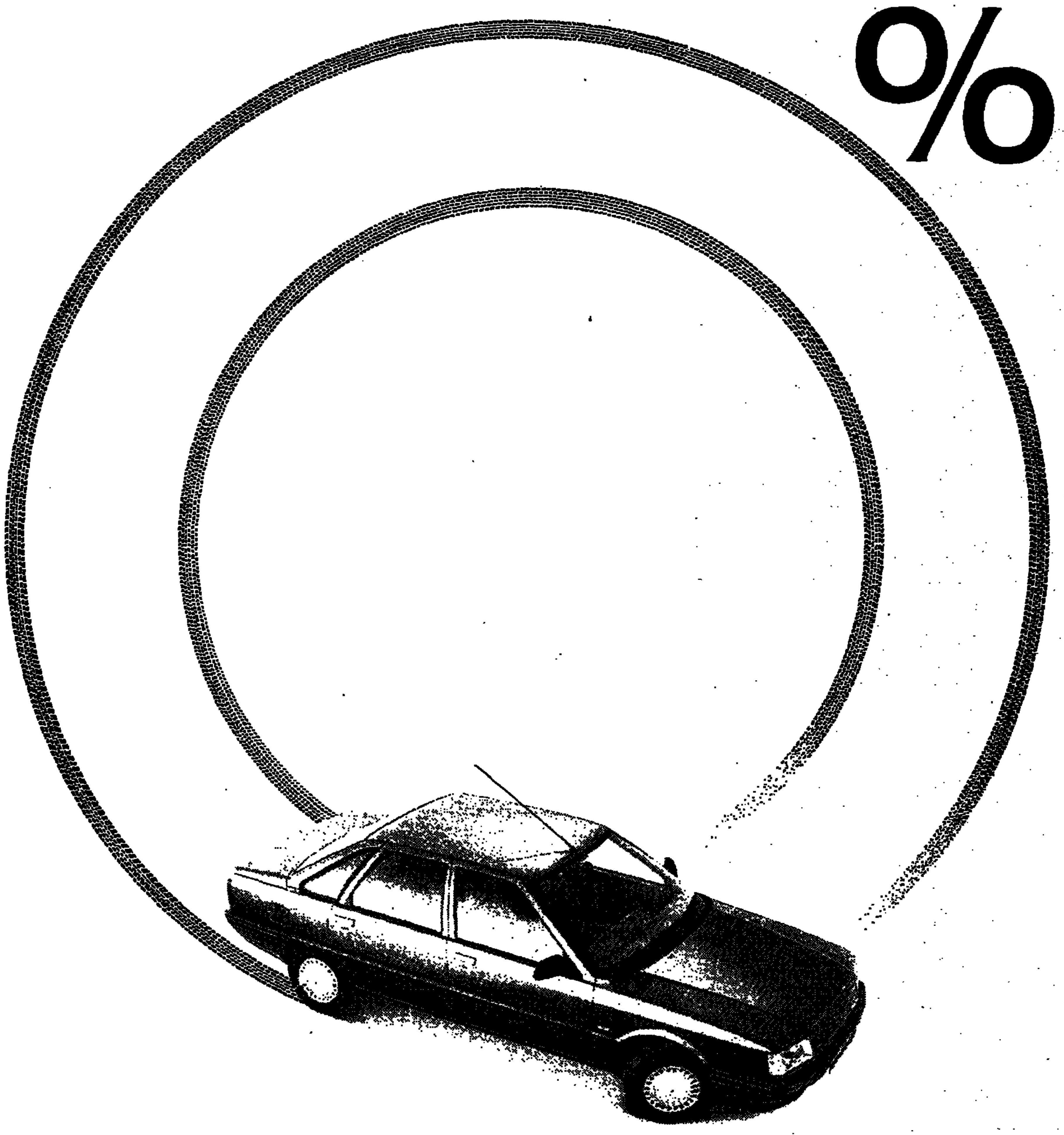
There have been several warnings over the past year that the considerable union unrest could erupt into social unrest. The troubles on Friday night started when riot police forced their way into the port at Papeete to dislodge striking dock-workers who had mounted a blockade.

As the Paris newspaper, *Le Monde*, has commented, the violence of the rioting is out of proportion to the reason for the strike — a dispute over how many dockers are required for unloading duties on the French nuclear testing atoll of Mururoa.

The French Socialist Party has blamed the rioting on the right-wing Government's policy of favouring a privileged few in French Polynesia.

The dockers in Papeete have for some time formed the bastion of union unrest on Tahiti. A year ago, a strike of several weeks brought the port to a standstill. Social unrest was avoided then by church mediation, which has not been called for this time, and by not using force to break the strike.

At the same time, the activities of the local independence movement have increased. After the rioting, the head of the Liberation Front for Polynesia, M Oscar Temaru, reportedly held a meeting with the dockers which attracted 1,000 people.



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Despair stalks streets of Jaffna

From Michael Hamlyn, Jaffna

Indian soldiers manning a post at a clock tower in the centre of Jaffna yesterday. They claim to have captured most of the city, despite some pockets of resistance from Tamil fighters.

The ordeal of Jaffna's unhappy people is still not over. For the past fortnight, they have lived through the bitter battle between troops of the Indian peace-keeping force and guerrillas of the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam.

They have seen some of their homes destroyed, some of their friends and family members killed in shelling and shooting. They have been without electricity, food, water or adequate medical attention.

Even now, they are confined to refugee camps within their own city. They may not go home, for fear of booby-traps, or afraid that the Tigers among them may escape. They are frightened of the fierce-looking Sikhs and Gurkhas of the Indian forces who stand on wary guard at street corners. They are hungry and they are sick.

"Fevers have started, and we have a lot of diarrhoea," explained Dr Subramaniam, himself a refugee at the aptly named Church of Our Lady of Refuge. Miss Patmasaudi Selvanayagam said: "Now the food we have is not adequate. We have only bread, and it is not enough for my old mother."

The Indian troops who have seized control of the town – though sporadic firing was still going on during my visit yesterday – are doing their best to move up emergency food supplies. Some 6,500 tons are on their way, and six civilian administrators are coming from India to help organize the distribution.

But as Major General A.S. Kalkat, the senior officer in the Jaffna peninsula, explained, the lorries bringing the supplies are themselves being ambushed by the Tigers. He said: "The LTTE blew up one of our supply trucks, even though it was marked as such. It was very inhuman of them. We lost our own soldiers, three of them. But that is not so important – what is important is to get succour, medical aid and assistance to the people."

Many of the people blame the Indians themselves for their suffering, accusing them of causing their wounds by indiscriminate shelling, or shooting innocent civilians. Stories of rape of Tamil girls are beginning to spread.

At the church, for example, several young people rushed up to us to tell us of a case of rape, which simply did not bear examination. An elderly man, much distressed, and terrified that the Indians would come and shoot him if he spoke to me, finally said that his daughter Dharaka, aged 30, an accountant, had gone home on Friday morning to salvage her jewellery. She had not returned.

He said: "Another lady went to look for her, and found her dead on the floor. She had been shot through the temple." "Had she been molested?" "No." "Was her clothing disarranged?" "No." "Had she been raped then?" "No."

"Who had killed her?" "I don't know." "Might it have been the Tigers?" "No, only the Army was in that part of town at the time."

It was desperately sad – but it was not rape.

There was much shuffling and evasion from several people at my next question. "Do you want the Tigers back then to protect you from the Army?"

"No!" cried a woman from the back, "and I am bold enough to say it out loud."

It was clear that Tigers' propaganda about Jaffna hospital was simply not true either. According to stories published by their propagandists in Sri Lanka and overseas, the hospital should have been in ruins. While it was plain in the streets around the hospital that the fighting there had been intense, the hospital itself was almost unmarked.

Patients, even those who believed themselves to have been wounded by Indian shells, were grateful for the medical attention they were receiving from Indian doctors.

"We are getting mixed reactions," said Brigadier Manjit Singh, a Sikh who is in charge of this sector of the town. "But what we have got to do is show them that we can look after them, and mean to do it."

The operation to take the town was still flickering on as he spoke. Clouds of smoke arose from palm-thatch huts set ablaze to improve observation. Dull explosions and distant rapid fire marked the section of town where two Indian columns still had not linked up.

But two Indian prisoners had been rescued from Nallur temple over to the east, and a vast cache of arms and ammunition recovered from a hide-out nearby. Brigadier J.S. Dhillon, another Sikh in charge of the eastern approaches to the town, declared: "They are not fighting now. They are running."

General Kalkat said: "This is only the beginning. Now we have to restore normal life to the town. Then we have to ensure that fair elections can be held." This way, the Indians can ensure that "this totalitarian group of terrorists" cannot subjugate Sri Lankans again.

The cost to the Indian forces has been high. Yesterday's casualty figures showed that they had suffered 12 officers and 155 others killed, 29 officers and 590 others wounded. They still have 38 men missing.

Italy to prosecute arms ship owners

From Roger Boyes, Rome

The Italian authorities will charge the United Arab Shipping Company, whose vessel was found laden with British-made machine guns, with participating in illegal arms trafficking, the prosecutor said yesterday.

Signora Tiziana Parenti, the prosecutor of the northern port of Savona, told *The Times* that the "UASC is accused of associating with the sea captain in the illegal transit of weapons and spare parts". The ship, the Qatar-registered Fathulkahir, had been officially sequestered. "The ship was essential for the execution of the crime," said Signora Parenti. The remaining cargo will be unloaded, and the crew (presumably including the British first officer, Mr Richard Murphy) will be allowed to return home.

Information about the charges has been sent to several destinations, including the loading agent in Liverpool.

The Irish captain, Mr John Scallan, aged 48, was presented to a crowded courtroom yesterday along with the 38 crew members. But the trial was immediately adjourned until tomorrow afternoon.

Mr Scallan's lawyers resigned because his testimony conflicted so seriously with that of the company. The captain has argued throughout his interrogation that he knew nothing of the arms cargo. But the company says it was a legally registered shipment of guns to Abu Dhabi.

New lawyers have been found in Genoa, where Mr Scallan is being held in a maximum security prison, and they will use the time to become familiar with the brief. A request yesterday for Mr Scallan to be bailed was turned down.

The investigating magistrates emphasize that the new decision to prosecute the company is not related to the fate of Italian hostages in the Middle East. Pro-Iranian Kurds are holding three hostages, and say they will suffer if the arms shipment is allowed to continue to Iraq.

Italy appears now to be in the forefront of combatting the flow of European arms traffic to the Gulf, though the legal framework for interfering with weapons cargoes is rather shaky. At the weekend, an Italian vessel, Andrea Merzario, was permitted to resume its journey to Saudi Arabia, but only after containers with French missile-launching ramps were unloaded and confiscated.

Fiji courts Russia and China in policy shift

Suva (Reuter) – Fiji's military Government has decided to seek recognition from the Soviet Union, China and other Asian countries as part of a substantial shift in foreign policy.

A five-page document outlining the new policy was released yesterday. It said that Fiji should overcome its reliance on Australia and New Zealand by seeking aid and trade with South-east Asian countries, South Korea and Taiwan.

The document, prepared by Mr Felipe Bole, the Foreign Minister, expressed fears that Australian and New Zealand trade unions might impose further sanctions against Fiji. Trade unions in the two countries have banned shipping trade with Fiji and Australian unions also have threatened to cut air links from November 1.

The document said that it was only a question of time before the Fijian republic gained universal recognition. "Once countries begin to understand, support or recognize the republic . . . there will come a point where quantity and time will influence those governments which are hostile to follow suit," it said.

The United States had indicated that the Fijian republic would be recognized if it maintained friendly ties with Washington, it added.

Vote on draft constitution

Koreans must forsake fishing for democracy

From Gavin Bell, Seoul

Having won their struggle for democracy, the people of South Korea will set a constitutional seal on their victory today – providing they do not go fishing instead.

A public holiday has been declared to allow more than 25 million voters to approve a draft constitution giving them the right, for the first time in 16 years, to choose their president by secret ballot. It also curtails the hitherto authoritarian powers of the chief executive, and strengthens those of Parliament and the judiciary.

The 130-article amendment is the first in the country's constitutional history to have been prepared in accord with rival political parties, and since it won almost unanimous approval in the National Assembly two weeks ago, one would expect its public endorsement to be a foregone conclusion.

However, Koreans work hard, and when they have a day off they like to go biking and fishing in the mountains, which are especially attractive in late autumn.

The authorities are evidently concerned that many voters might take a "yes" verdict for granted and head for the hills. Hence newspapers, radio and television stations, along with thousands of street posters, have been appealing to voters to fulfil their civic duty first.

Providing at least half of them do so, a simple majority will be sufficient to ensure the constitution is promulgated within a matter of days.

The other official concern is the possibility of unruly behaviour by radical students, who have been disrupting preliminary rallies for the presidential election scheduled for December. Two armed policemen will be on duty at each of the country's 13,634 polling stations to discourage any such conduct.

The essence of the historic document, which would have been unthinkable six months ago, is contained in Article 67, which declares: "The President shall be elected by universal, equal, direct and secret ballot by the people."

Other provisions allow the President to declare martial law in a national emergency, but empower the National Assembly to lift it when it wishes. Similarly, the Assembly may overrule presidential opposition to legislation, and the Supreme Court has the final say on the legality of any administrative decrees.

So far, so good. Unfortunately, the tidal wave of dissidence which changed the course of Korean history last summer is now being weakened by an undertow of political rivalry.

The shaky alliance of Mr Kim Dae Jung and Mr Kim Young Sam, the principal opposition leaders, is about to collapse, according to aides of the former.

Mr Kim Dae Jung, officially an adviser to Mr Kim Young Sam's Reunification Democratic Party, plans to formally announce his candidacy for the presidency tomorrow and to launch his own party next Wednesday, the aides said. Since Mr Kim Young Sam has already declared himself a candidate, the opposition will be effectively divided on who should herald in their new era of democracy.

● **Campus swoop:** A thousand police stormed Korea University in Seoul yesterday and arrested 26 students who participated in a huge anti-government rally at the campus on Sunday that ended in a battle with riot police, university officials said (Reuter reports).

After yesterday's arrests, 500 Korea University students demanding the immediate release of the 26 students clashed with riot police near the gates of the campus.

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South African floods

Black feuds hold up relief work in Natal

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

Politically motivated feuding between rival black groups is seriously hampering relief work in the province of Natal, devastated nearly a month ago by the worst floods South Africa has experienced in more than a century.

Red Cross workers trying to distribute food parcels in black townships around Pietermaritzburg, the provincial capital, met so much violence they refused to return.

Meanwhile, relief agencies have not yet been able to assess the full scale of the task confronting them. "We still haven't reached all the affected areas," the regional director in Natal for Operation Hunger, Mrs Dot Collins, said yesterday. "In normal times we feed about 100,000 people daily in Natal. It is possible that this figure could rise by another 150,000 as a result of the floods."

Bodies are still being found, and the flood death toll is constantly being revised. It currently stands at 320, nearly all of the victims being blacks or Indians. Another 163 people are missing, many of them feared dead.

The Government's official estimate of the number of homeless is about 56,000, but this is considered a very conservative figure. The University of Natal calculates that as many as 600,000 people may have lost their homes.

Shanty dwellers in the Durban area were the main victims of the raging floods which carried their flimsy shelters away in their thousands. The floods also destroyed at least six major bridges, washed away roads, railway tracks and telephone lines, devastated crops and severely damaged factories. The total insurance claims are put at 500 million rands (£150 million).

● **Peace call:** A leading black newspaper yesterday called on Archbishop Desmond Tutu, the head of the Anglican Church in southern Africa, to act as a peacemaker between the feuding factions in Natal.

In the past month more than 50 people have died in what is seen as a power struggle between the conservative Zulu movement, Inkatha, led by Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, and the United Democratic Front (UDF), a loose alliance of militant anti-apartheid groups.

In an editorial comment and accompanying article, *The Sowetan*, a Johannesburg-based daily paper written mainly by and for blacks, declared that a "Terry Waite-style peace envoy" was now the only way to stop the increasing violence in black townships around Pietermaritzburg.

"It is going to be very difficult now that revenge has become the nature of the fight. Revenge that involves infanticide is as ugly as it is barbarous. We are making the job for the enemies of the black struggle very easy. We are making the job for those fighting for our liberation impossible," the paper said.

Its reference to "infanticide" recalled the beheading last week of Skumbuza Shezi, a boy aged 10, by a group of men armed with knives and axes, apparently for no better reason than that his parents, or other older relatives, were suspected of supporting the UDF.

Five more deaths were reported at the weekend in the continuing violence which the deployment of a special police unit, with helicopter support, has failed to control. All eight of the incidents of "unrest" reported by the police on Sunday night related to the Pietermaritzburg area.

The UDF-Inkatha feuding has been particularly intense since an incident about a month ago when 13 members of Inkatha's Youth Brigade were killed when gunmen set fire to a house in the hillside black settlement of KwaShange and then shot and axed the occupants as they tried to flee.

Natal and the KwaZulu tribal areas within the province were for many years the unchallenged domain of Chief Buthelezi's well-drilled Inkatha organization. Since its formation in 1983, however, the UDF, which shares the poitical aims of the outlawed African National Congress, has established a growing presence in the province.

Johannesburg — South African Airways said yesterday that it had discontinued direct flights to Australia as a result of the termination of its landing rights (Reuter reports). The suspension came into effect yesterday as part of Australia's limited economic sanctions to try to force Pretoria to abandon apartheid.

Mr John Demjanjuk, who is accused of war crimes at the Treblinka death camp, smiling from the dock in the Jerusalem court yesterday as his trial was resumed after a two-month recess caused by the illness of one of the judges.

War crimes trial hears KGB evidence

From A Correspondent, Jerusalem

The Soviet secret police, the KGB, sends New Year cards to prominent persons in the West so that it can use the signatures on the replies for forgeries, a former Soviet agent told a court here yesterday.

The witness, Mr Avraham Shifrin, was testifying in the trial of Mr John Demjanjuk, accused of Nazi war crimes, which resumed here yesterday after a two-month recess. He was called by the defence as an expert on KGB forgery methods, to challenge the authenticity of an SS identity card which the prosecution claims was issued to Mr Demjanjuk at a training base for Nazi death camp personnel.

Mr Shifrin said the KGB would not hesitate to forge the signatures of President Reagan or Mrs Thatcher. The organization had huge archives of documents and vast stores of materials for use in their forgery operations.

Mr Shifrin, aged 64, said he had been recruited by the KGB while serving as a state prosecutor. He helped compile false charges against Soviet citizens who had escaped to the West in order to discredit them or request their extradition. In 1953 he was convicted of spying for Israel and the US and was given a death sentence, later commuted to life imprisonment. In 1970 he was allowed to go to Israel. He has produced several books and films on the subject of the KGB.

At the beginning of yesterday's hearing the prosecutor, Mr Yonah Blatman, objected to the defence's calling of a witness who could not testify specifically about the document before the court. Mr Shifrin was eventually allowed to testify only on selected issues.

The defence is contending that the SS identity card was forged by the Soviet Union to discredit Ukrainians living overseas. Mr Demjanjuk emigrated to the United States after the war and was extradited to Israel, where he is accused of being "Ivan the Terrible", a brutal guard in charge of the gas chambers at the Treblinka death camp.

Mr Shifrin resumes his testimony today. After yesterday's session, he said that he saw himself more as an expert witness than as defending Mr Demjanjuk. He also said that as a lawyer he was dismayed at not being allowed to describe in detail the KGB operations.

Anger as radiation victims are buried

From Mac Margolis
Rio de Janeiro

Lead-lined coffins containing two radiation poisoning victims, who died more than a month after being exposed to the core of a cancer therapy machine, were flown from Rio de Janeiro to the central Brazilian city of Goiânia for burial yesterday afternoon.

The funeral was going ahead despite angry protests from residents. Dozens of townspeople who have maintained a graveside vigil said they feared further contamination by the irradiated corpses and demanded that the bodies be buried in an atomic waste deposit.

However, the authorities discounted a health threat, noting that each corpse was sealed in a 1,400 lb lead-lined coffin and the graves were walled with concrete. "We have taken all the precautions," said Dr Marcos Cesar Ferreira Moreira of the National Commission on Nuclear Energy.

Senhora Maria Gabriela Ferreira, aged 37, and her niece, Leide das Neves Ferreira, aged 6, fell ill and died after being exposed to caesium 137. Eight others remain in critical condition in the Marcilio Dias naval hospital in Rio, and dozens of others are under observation in Goiânia.

The accident, the worst since Chernobyl, occurred late last month after two people stole part of a radiation machine in an abandoned medical clinic. Senhora Ferreira's husband, a scrapyard owner, paid £15 for the apparent piece of lead scrap but the caesium spilled out

Police are conducting an inquiry into the accident.

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Battle for democracy

Lawyer fights for reform in Egypt

From Ian Murray, Cairo

Mr Kamal Khaled has two weapons. One is the pistol he always carries in the leather shoulder holster under his left arm to defend himself. The other is the well-thumbed copy of the Egyptian Constitution, on his cluttered lawyer's desk, that he keeps in his fight for Egyptian democracy.

He has never used the pistol, but he has been so effective with the Constitution that he has forced one general election already this year, and believes he is on the brink of having its result declared illegal. The consequence would be that President Mubarak's election this month for a second six-year term would be unconstitutional.

The Administrative Court found in March that Mr Khaled was correct in arguing that the February general election was held in breach of Article 8 of the Constitution, which guarantees equal opportunity to all citizens. The court was satisfied that independent candidates were not given the same chances as those on party lists. The Constitutional Court is to give its definitive ruling on December 7.

Mr Khaled does not see himself as a revolutionary but as a conservative, and he looks the part. A short, portly man, he is now 56 and a long way removed from the young man who fought to chase Britain out of Egypt in 1950.

"Real stability is in respecting the courts and the judicial system," he argues. "When the court closes its doors it opens the way to violence. As it stands now, Egypt has no relationship to a democracy. The basis of democracy is to respect the Constitution and court decisions."

He decided to take on the present system when he found that the election rules prevented him standing as an independent candidate. A lawyer who has specialized in defending underdog political prisoners, he says he wants a Parliamentary seat to give a voice to the underprivileged. "I am one of the majority, but I am not silent," he says.

He argues the present proportional system of election through party lists allows the wealthy to buy themselves a safe place through a donation to party funds. The new independent seats, created to overcome his objection, are still available to party members.

"People no longer know who is representing them," he says. "As it stands now, they have lost confidence in the election and that is why they don't go to the polls." He claims that electoral fraud is wholesale and that no more than five per cent of the population votes properly.

The Government, he says, ignores the opposition and does precisely what it likes.

"That is why there is a rise in support for Islamic-backed candidates. People vote for Islam where once they voted for national unity."

A former goalkeeper in the national hockey team, he says he now tries to stop extremism from scoring. He wants to see Islamic groups, which are illegal, allowed to campaign openly. "They are forced to live underground at the moment. Insects and snakes live underground. Suddenly they come out and are dangerous. That is what happened in Iran."

But he sees the danger of real trouble if his kind of true democracy is not established. That is why be believes true stability will only cone if the Parliament is dismised, the Government falls, and the President's election is declared unconstitutioml.

> ❛ The Government does what it likes ❜

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Voodoo rebels killed

Kampala (AP) — Ugandan Government troops were reported on alert yesterday after killing about 100 hymn-singing followers of a voodoo priestess who staged a suicide attack on a strategic army base in eastern Uganda.

The government-owned *New Vision* newspaper also said 60 of the rebels, followers of Alice Lakwena's Holy Spirit Movement, were captured after the battle at the Magamaga army barracks 10 miles east of Jinja.

Five executed

Nicosia (AP) — Five Iranians convicted of drug smuggling have been executed in the holy city of Mashhad, according to a Tehran Radio report monitored in Cyprus.

Britons held

Benidorm (AP) — Spanish police arrested two Britons from Liverpool in connection with the theft of £28,00 in travellers' cheques from banks in Blackburn.

Goria trip

Rome (Reuter) — The Italian Prime Minister, Signor Giovanni Goria, is to visit President Reagan in Washington on December 16.

Titanic gems

Paris (Reuter) — Jewellery, banknotes and coins from the Titanic will be seen on television today when the stricken liner's salvaged safe is opened.

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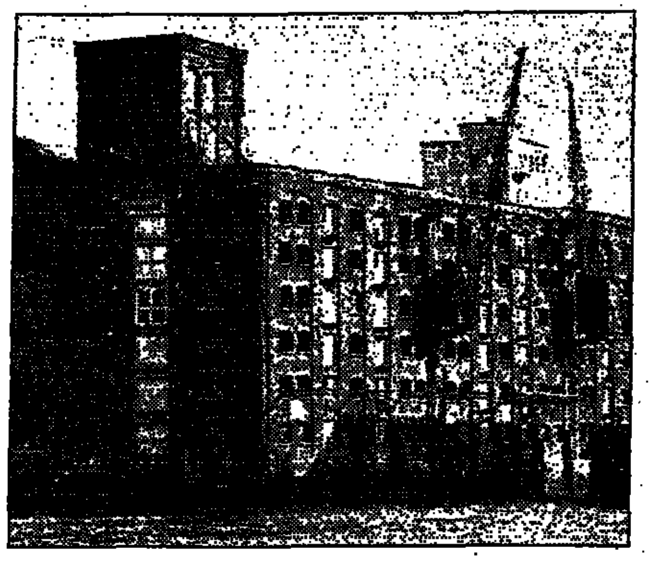
In 1979, a 23-year-old Mancunian fell in love with an old warehouse in London's docklands and decided to turn it into a dream development. Last night he won The Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors/*The Times* Conservation Awards scheme. **Caroline Moorehead reports**



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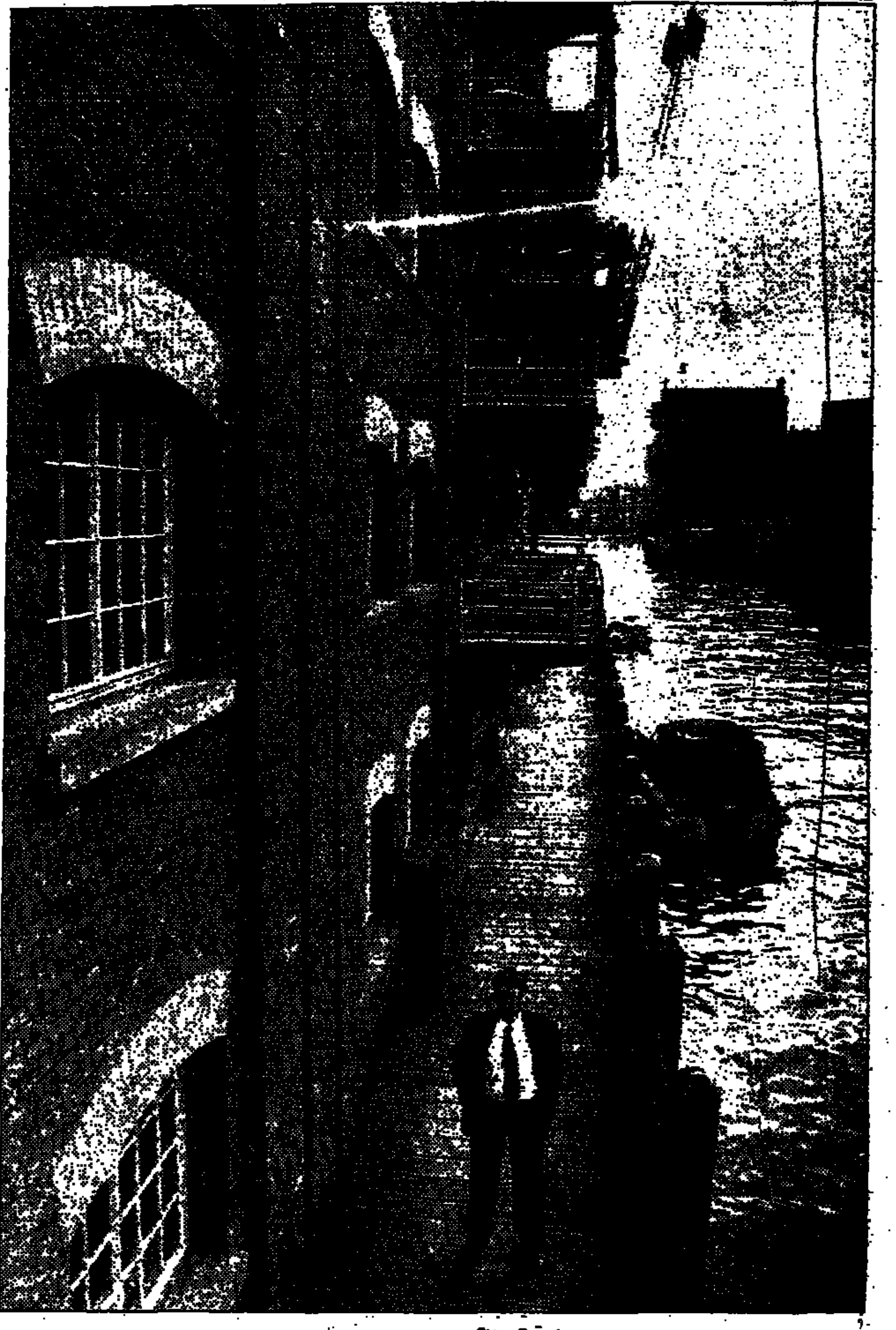


One man's dream: Andrew Wadsworth outside his New Concordia Wharf and (top left) the old grain warehouse

Andrew Wadsworth must bless the day eight years ago when he and his then girlfriend — now wife — decided to take a stroll east of London Bridge on a flat-hunting expedition.

He had headed south from Manchester with a background in "nothing special and no qualifications", but a growing interest in the property business. What he had in mind was a flat overlooking the river, along the lines of a New York loft.

They walked around staring at what was then still a ghost town of abandoned, derelict buildings. "The concept of 'docklands' hadn't really been invented," Wadsworth explains. Then they came across a former grain store.

"It was absolutely empty except for one floor given to storing redundant Sixties computers," he says. "But it looked terrific." It was love at first sight.

His conversion of that listed Victorian warehouse, mill and water tower, just a few hundred yards downstream from Tower Bridge, became the cornerstone of Wadsworth's property empire and is one of the two first prizewinners of the 1987 Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors/*The Times* Conservation Awards.

The winner of the residential to non-residential category is a 12th-century stone house in King's Lynn, Norfolk, turned into a solicitor's office.

The 93 entries to this year's scheme, with the theme "A New Year Lease of Life", included a church, a fire station, an Edwardian school, a threshing barn, a jute and flax mill, and an old coaching inn. The greatest number came from the South-east and South-west of England.

How Wadsworth transformed New Concordia Wharf, winner of the non-residential to residential category, from a disused warehouse, derelict since the closure of the docks in the mid-Sixties, into 60 flats, 20,000 sq ft of workshops, and studios, 3,000 sq ft of offices and a restaurant, is a developer's dream.

Wadsworth was then 23, with a couple of small conversions in Cheshire behind him but very little else.He did, however, have absolute determination and a stroke of enormous good fortune. His bank manager in Manchester happened to come from London's East End, and also happened to believe that the old warehouses lining the banks of the Thames deserved to be saved.

The owner of the grain store, after initial hesitation, agreed to sell Wadsworth the building for £500,000 — a modest sum in light of subsequent events, but at the time considered steep for something four separate chartered surveyors spoke of as having "negative value".

Backed by his bank manager, Wadsworth raised the money. In September 1980, the building was his. "I reckoned that at just under £5 a square foot, less than a mile from the City, I couldn't go wrong." Within a year he had pre-sold 12 "spaces" — flats developed as what he calls "shell finish" units, so that buyers could fit them out as they wanted. Long before completion, Wadsworth knew he was on to a winner.

The flats could each have been sold several times over and prices have soared. A flat bought at around £40,000, with £10,000 spent on it, now goes for at least £150,000. And with some justification: not only are the flats themselves extremely agreeable, but a great deal of imagination went into either restoring or copying the original quirks and features of the warehouse: cast iron brackets, loading doors and cranes are all again in place.

For Wadsworth, New Concordia Wharf marked only the beginning. This month, his firm, Jacobs Island Company, launched The Circle, a development of 300 flats in a new building by Tower Bridge. Many have already been pre-sold. The conversion of a Victorian pumping station in Rotherhithe is to be the next project.

Our second winner, numbers 28, 30, and 32 King Street, in King's Lynn, is today a solicitor's office; it is a financially more modest but architecturally more dramatic affair. Before the King's Lynn Preservation Trust took an interest in the building, what appeared to be a 14th-century house with an unusual timber-framed front on one of the town's main streets was slipping gradually into total dereliction.

Michael Gooch, the chartered architect called in to restore the building, found "a quite alarming structural condition. Many of the main timbers were snapped through, and at the back of the house half the tiles had come off". The effect was one of a near ruin.

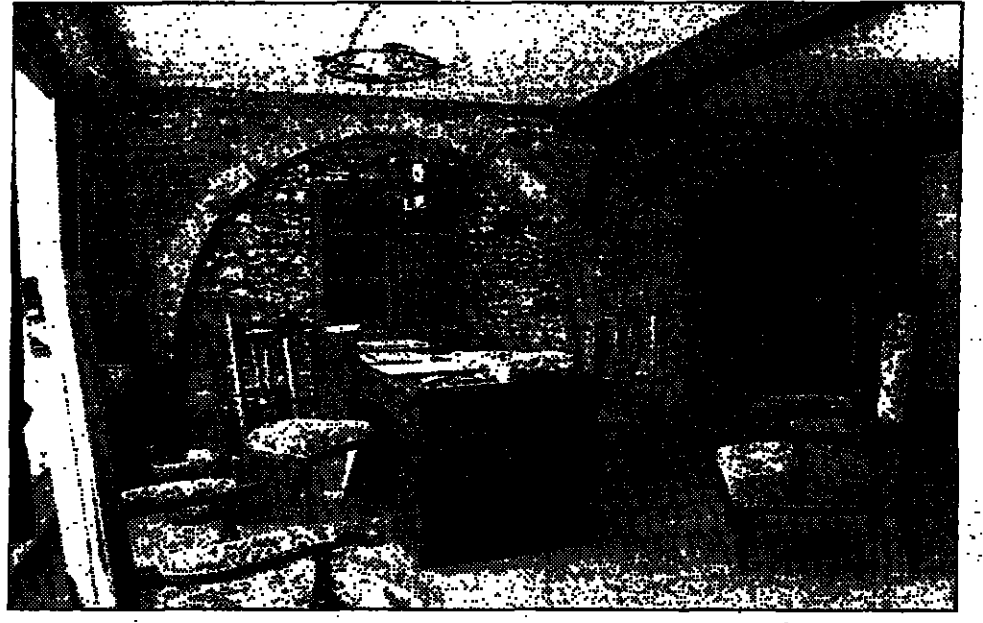
More interestingly, Gooch rapidly realized that no one until then had perceived just how exciting a building it was. "As we started stripping down," he says, "we realized just how old it was. It is basically a Norman stone house of the 12th century, possibly the house of a wealthy man — being in stone rather than wood — or perhaps some sort of civic hall. Records don't reveal, but it is almost certainly the oldest secular building in King's Lynn."

The work was carried out in two stages over eight years: an initial period of making safe the fabric of the house, followed by adapating and finishing the interior. The result shows the Norman structure laid bare and the layers of subsequent additions exposed as if in some architectural history exhibit.

Six buildings in all have won prizes in the two categories, with a further 25 commended. This is the 1[illegible]th RICS/*The Times* Conservation Awards, the scheme having been launched in 1971 as a result of European Heritage Year and in the midst of a growing awareness of the need for preserving beautiful and important buildings.

Entrants had to prove that they had converted their building — whether from or into residential use — both with regard to its past architectural features and with the imagination to make it viable for modern use. On the whole, far greater quality of design and workmanship went on the outside of the buildings, while many of the interiors tended to be finished in a somewhat haphazard manner. The winners were those who most ably combined the two.

Steve Daniels



Norman conquest: the 12th-century house in King's Lynn, converted into a solicitor's office

AWARD WINNERS

Non-residential to residential projects:

Second prize: United Kingdom Housing Trust, Glan-Yr-Afon Sheltered Housing Complex, New Tredegar, Gwent. (A derelict Edwardian school converted into 27 self contained flats for the elderly).

Joint third prize: Squire Associates, St Peter's Court, Victoria Road, Torry, Aberdeen. (A late 19th century church converted into sheltered housing for the elderly).
Coulson Swinburne & Partners, Brough Hall Stable Block, Catterick, North Yorkshire. (An 18th century open-square courtyard with stable buildings restored and made into seven self-contained houses).

Residential to non-residential projects:

Second prize: Michael Laird and Partners, Easter Elchies House, Craigellachie, Morayshire. (A late 17th century tower house above the Spey valley converted to a visitors' centre for the Macallan-Glenlivet distillery).
No third prize.

The melting pot on the cliffs

Atlantic College celebrates its 25th anniversary today — but has the dream survived?

Once the Welsh love nest of William Randolph Hearst, St Donat's Castle, high on the cliffs above the Glamorgan coastline, has for the last 25 years been the home of another, greater romantic ideal — Atlantic College.

Established with the intention of strengthening world peace through greater international understanding, its enthusiastic president is the Prince of Wales who — despite the similarities with Gordonstoun, which he has professed to have disliked intensely — will be joining in today's anniversary celebrations. Founded by, among others, Kurt Hahn, Atlantic College's curriculum inevitably gives more than a nod towards Hahn's educational theory that physical endeavour and community service are the making of leaders as much as academic study. In its first quarter-century it has accepted students from 106 countries, including the Soviet Union, China, Iran, Iraq, Namibia and South Africa.

Atlantic College is the senior of six schools around the world — the others are in Swaziland, Singapore, Italy, Canada and the United States — which band together under the loose umbrella of United World Colleges. Wherever he goes in the world, Prince Charles always makes a point of meeting UWC old boys.

For Atlantic College alone, there are 6,000 applications a year for 180 places and educational qualifications are unashamedly high. Some 97 per cent of students go on to university.

The one thing that cannot buy a place is money: all students are on scholarships, and the college is constantly in search of sponsors to cover the £12,000 it costs for the two-year course.

No more than a quarter of the students at any one time are British, although almost all of those come from state schools after O-levels. It is a house rule that each four-bed dormitory must sleep four different nationalities.

The great majority of UWC graduates go on to apolitical professions, chiefly medicine, engineering and teaching. Sir Ian Gourlay, director-general of UWC, finds that quite satisfactory. "What we are talking about is world peace through social change. You can do that just as effectively as a primary school teacher as you can as Prime Minister.

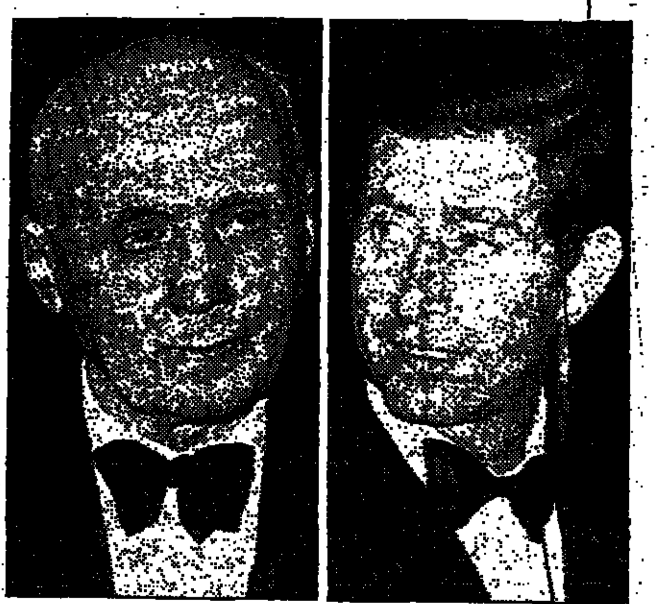
"What we are trying to do is demonstrate to the rising generations their common humanity. We do not want them to lose their own culture; we want to build on an additional international point of view."

Sir Ian is prepared to admit the UWC has shortcomings: "We recognise that our weakness is our Western orientation; we would love to have colleges in socialist and Islamic countries. Our top priority is a college in India; being in a non-aligned country, it would draw in students from those non-Western parts of the world more easily than any of the present colleges." In 1985 Rajiv Gandhi promised to look at the possibility of setting up an Indian college; UWC are still waiting his answer.

Students obviously relish their two years at Atlantic College, even more now the 6am cold swim has been abandoned, although joining the lifeboat crew or the cliff rescue service (180 lives saved in 25 years) or a similar community service is still required.

Rita, a 17-year old student from Uganda, told me: "It is such an intense experience here, I sometimes worry that the rest of my life might be a bit of a let-down."

Alan Hamilton



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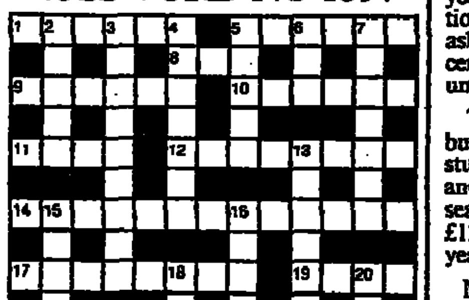

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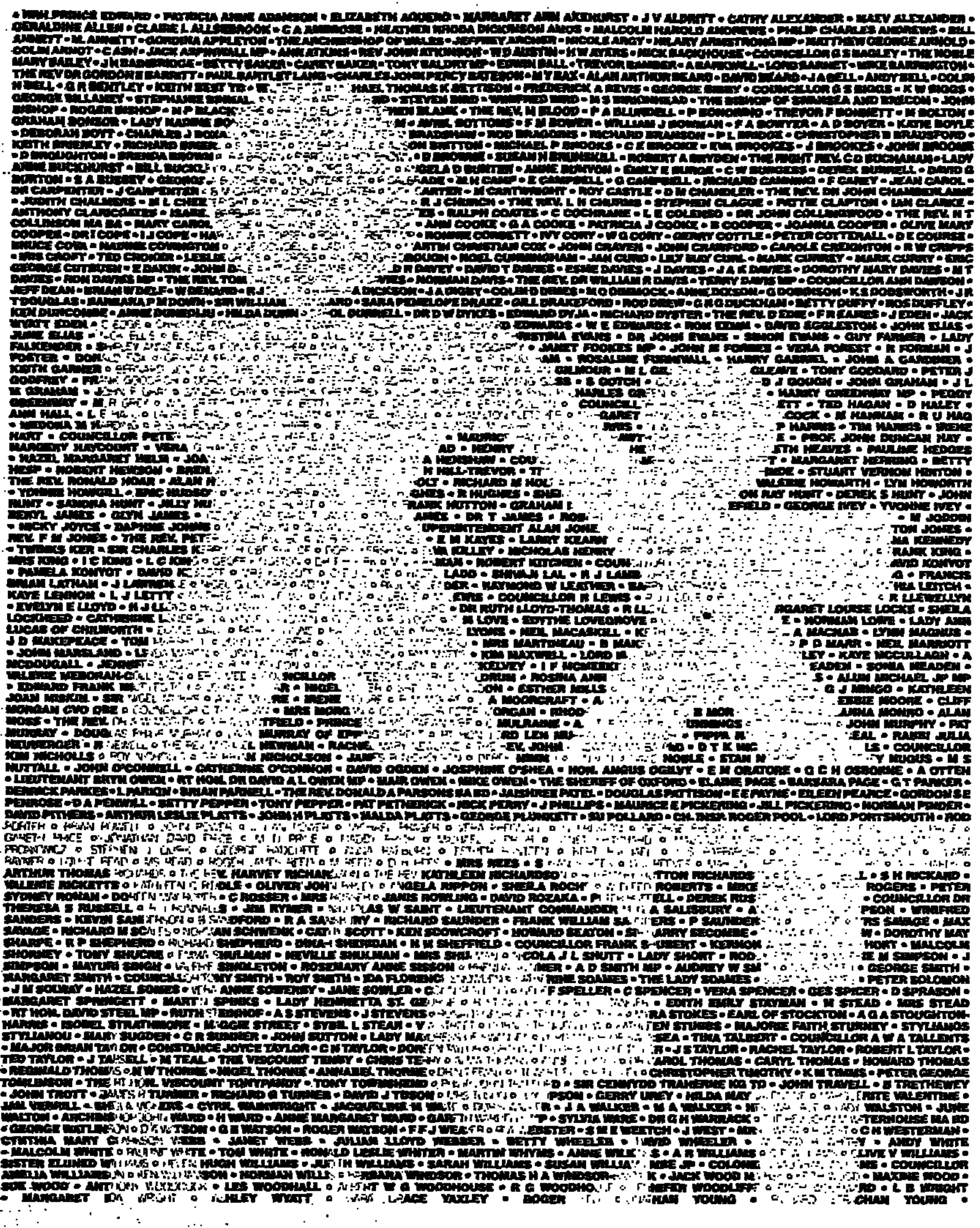
H.R.H. PRINCE EDWARD. Signing the NCH Children's Covenant.



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Fighting on the wall

Conservationists are to campaign against plans to knock a *hole through a 12th century* Norman wall in Norwich Cathedral. The proposal to create an entrance to a new store room by drilling though blind arches has been condemned as "mutilation" by English Heritage. In a strongly worded objection, Heritage's Richard Halsey says the work would also adversely affect the external appearance. Philip Venning, secretary of the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings, adds: "We are sympathetic to the cathedral's space problems but there must be a better solution." Yesterday architect Keith Darby insisted that the cathedral, which has no crypt, had been desperately short of space since the demolition of outbuildings at the Reformation; the watchdog Cathedral Advisory Commission has been persuaded that there is no alternative. The row highlights worries over ecclesiastical exemption from planning regulations: though Norwich planners consider the proposal next week they are unable to take into account the cathedral's listed building status.

Well qualified

Libya must surely take the biscuit for "Dear Kettle, yours Pot" diplomacy. The official Libyan news agency in London has just declared Libya an enemy of terrorism. "International terrorism is a threat to humanity. It prejudices confidence in international relations, spreads irritation and plants fear all over the world," it has announced. The Jana Jamahiriya, as Libya now styles itself, is so concerned that its man at the UN is calling for an international conference to distinguish terrorism from "the legitimate struggle of nations against all forms of oppression, colonialism, racism and foreign intervention." And there's the rub.

● Rock star Roger Daltrey has a runner in today's Lester Piggott Final Handicap at Nottingham, the scene of the disgraced jockey's last win two years ago. Its name: Giving It All Away.

Irony

The Duke of Wellington, the tale goes, was horrified to learn that cabinet ministers were not used to taking orders without question. After his first session with the cabinet when he became PM in 1828, he wrote to a relative: "I gave them their orders but they wanted to stay and discuss them." And who repeated the story yesterday? Peter Walker, the Welsh Secretary. Mind you, he *quickly added that he was relieved* we didn't have one like that today.

BARRY FANTONI

'I wish the same applied to Tony'

Kerb bawlers

Austin *Mitchell, the genial* Labour member for Grimsby, faced more aggro than even an MP *expects* while in Colchester *for the* post-election forum at the weekend. The barrage of abuse came not from fellow *delegates but from* local residents. Arriving after midnight at his hotel on Friday, Mitchell parked his Fiat on a dotted yellow line. The following morning he discovered he had left it in a spot used on *Saturdays* by market traders. Not content with bouncing the offending vehicle on to the pavement, the costers proceeded to comment loudly on this public menace. Mitchell, who assures me he saw no warning signs, left town soon after — with parking ticket — saying he does not expect to return in the near future.

Card sharp

I've heard of using a driving licence for identification to get through European immigration controls when you forget your passport, but I am intrigued by a reader's experience with a Harrods account card. Philip Barrow has twice used one to enter France and Belgium when he arrived without documents. But the white plastic card, which bears the name, address, signature and number of the holder, is being replaced by a green and gold computerized *credit-card-style one*. Barrow, who reports that negotiations took longer in Brussels than Paris, despite the fact that he arrived in France during last year's terrorist bomb attacks, mourns the change. "I have to say it was touch and go getting back into Britain. In fact I now have a fail-safe system to remember my passport, but to destroy my old card would be like losing a trusted travelling companion." It was one solution to those go-slows at Petty France.

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In The Times series on the Russian Revolution: Robert Conquest

considers the hostility and despotism that endure to this day

Lenin's legacy: a world of danger

After 70 years we can perhaps get an historical perspective on the October Revolution. What is surprising is how little of that there has been. The reason may be that the Revolution was long seen as something new and astonishing, outside the conventional wisdom of our civilization — with its sympathizers hoping, and its opponents fearing, that it represented the future of the world. Even years later, the cream of sceptical American liberalism, Lincoln Steffens, was exclaiming: "I have been into the future and it works!"; and the flower of British Socialist scholarship, Beatrice and Sidney Webb, were calling one of their books *Soviet Communism: A New Civilization?*, dropping the question mark in the second edition . . .

But, on a broader view, the Bolsheviks were only new in the sense that nothing like them had been seen in the West for centuries; as soon as one considers them in the context of the millenarian sects of the past, the novelty disappears, and their attitudes appear, on the contrary, as positively primitive.

For example Norman Cohn, in his *The Pursuit of the Millenium*, writes of the apocalyptic revolutionary movements of the Middle Ages, *which equally tried to* establish the reign of the saints on earth after the destruction of the *rich* and *powerful. We are* "baffled", he says, by their 20th-century equivalents precisely because these features of an earlier phase of our culture are now forgotten. In fact, "for all their exploitation of modern technology" those of the 20th century "have been inspired by phantasies which are downright archaic".

'Fundamental change should be welcomed: a premature welcome will slow it down'

The Bolsheviks, like their medieval predecessors, believed that they could produce "a state of total community, a society wholly unanimous in its beliefs and wholly free from inner conflicts". They too "claimed to be charged with the unique mission of bringing history to its preordained consummation". They too were "a restlessly dynamic and utterly ruthless group which, obsessed by the apocalyptic *phantasy* and *filled with the* conviction of its own infallibility, set itself infinitely above the rest of humanity and recognized no claims save that of its own supposed mission".

The formal content of the fantasies changed, using the most advanced vocabularies and dogmatics of their periods: a sort of theology in the 15th century, a sort of reason in the 18th, a sort of science in the 19th and 20th. Observers of the October Revolution were thus misled into applying to the Bolsheviks social and political analyses not designed to cope with the millenarian attitudes, to the confusion of many.

Marx had argued that all pre-Marxist political leaders had in fact represented economic classes while believing themselves to be implementing religious or other ideas. But this lays itself open to the obvious retort that those who believe themselves to be representing the proletariat may in fact also really have fundamentally different motivations of which *they are unconscious* or only partly aware. In Orwell's view, though the real aim of the Bolsheviks was power, *they* "pretended, perhaps they even believed, that they had seized power *unwillingly and for a short time*, and that just around the corner there lay a paradise . . ." We can *be reasonably certain that Lenin* did believe all this: he spent his time in hiding just before the *October Revolution writing State and Revolution*, a Utopian blueprint for a fairly speedy transition *to full communism and the* "withering away of the State".

The operative myth of the Leninists, of course, was (and *still* is) that not the poor and oppressed as such, but a new entity, the "proletariat", is the repository of virtue, and of a "proletarian consciousness" supposedly better than *all* other types. The actual call for revolution was in fact, as was admitted in the Central Committee, "received with bewilderment" by the masses, and was "not popular". Even those who did support it (including many Bolsheviks) did not want a Bolshevik one-party regime.

Unlike the hundreds of thousands who had taken to the streets *in the really popular February* Revolution earlier in the year, only a few thousand well *organized soldiers* and "Red Guards" were needed to seize the now derelict ship of state. Still, at *least the latter* were "*proletarian*". But poor sections of an urban population have often been won *over to extreme sects — in ancient* Alexandria, in modern Tehran. It is notable that the skilled working *class, the railwaymen and printers*, remained Menshevik.

When in power Lenin admitted *from time to time that the* "working class" was not ruling the country, but that the party was *ruling "on their behalf". His* practical perspective was expressed more clearly when he said that if a quarter of a *million* landlords and capitalists could rule Russia, then so could a quarter of a million communists.

From our point of view, what the new system lacked above all was any trace of the complex, plural, autonomous, interrelated, articulated elements which mark an advanced political culture. The beginnings of such an order had indeed started to emerge in backward Russia since the 1860s. After the Emancipation of the Serfs, the latter part of the 19th century had seen the inauguration of a legal structure, with a jury system, not wholly in the power of the state; and after 1905 a parliament, not properly representative but still with opposition members, including Bolsheviks, and a large opposition press. The broad *political* result of the October Revolution must be seen as the destruction of these advances, a regression to primitive despotism.

On the world scale, the result was a country, and an international movement, possessed of a militant Utopian hostility to all other orders. The modern world (faced indeed for a time with such other, or parallel, troubles as Nazism), was distorted and disrupted, with dangers which are with us to this day.

Can the Soviet Union change in a fundamental fashion, and can it abandon its idea of an exclusive mission, and enmity in principle to Western and other ideas? Can it start to become a civic society, in which the state does not transcend the law, and in which unofficial views have equal rights? With the *international corollary that other* state systems are no longer regarded as in principle illegitimate *and destined for destruction?*

Many hopes are now being expressed. Soviet speeches are being interpreted in the most optimistic fashion. Yet — a group of Western leftists were lately astonished to find that one of the leading proponents of *glasnost* was simply unable to understand the concept of civil society, of activities outside the Party's purview.

The extreme myths of Marxism flourish today only in backward areas: among half-educated army officers in Ethiopia, quarter-educated English lecturers in California. But they still remain frozen hard into the consciousness of the Soviet ruling classes. If the USSR (or any successor state or states) wishes to rejoin the civilized world, it will succeed only to the extent that it overcomes these primitive and puerile obsessions and grows up.

It is true that the doctrines of the Revolution have ostentatiously failed to produce a superior or even a tolerable society; indeed that the whole system is, economically and otherwise, barely viable. In the long run something has to give. But dogma is deep-rooted; basic motivations do not change easily; and the system has enormous momentum and inertia.

Meanwhile, if a favourable evolution is indeed beginning, we should not confuse the superficial with the substantial, or words with deeds. We should welcome fundamental change as, and to the degree to which, it occurs. It follows that we should not do so prematurely, a sure way of slowing it down. We do not say, when we welcome a baby's first tottering step, that it need do no more. We encourage it to take another. And another.

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TOMORROW
The Soviet struggle for survival

Tony Blair

Exploding the market myth

Last Tuesday, in a government department that shall remain nameless, a group of ministers huddled together despondently, watching the collapse of share *prices on television.* "The trouble with markets," said one, "is that you can't control them." There was an embarrassed silence.

Yet it is a measure of the situation's gravity that the Chancellor of the Exchequer has felt compelled, if not to control the markets, at least to denounce them. "Grotesque over-reaction", "absurd", "not rational": in a few dismissive phrases he proclaimed the divorce of the stock exchanges from the real economy. President Reagan reassured us incredibly that the US economy was "sound", rather unfortunately *repeating the word used* by President Hoover in 1929.

In part, of course, pretending it is all the *fault* of the wicked market is "absurd" in itself. It is like saying that the victims crushed in a stampede from a cinema on fire owe their misfortune solely to the undisciplined rush for the door. The origins of the Crash of '87, as it is now called, lie in the mismanagement of the major economies of the West. The US has spent money borrowed from abroad on other countries' goods. It is in deficit; the others, notably West Germany and Japan, in huge surplus. It was a structural imbalance bound to lead, sooner or later, to disaster.

As has been recognized, almost as part of a new international consensus, there is no way back except through co-ordinated government intervention. A prescription considered only a short time ago out of date is today in peak demand.

However, the size and the speed of the markets' collapse sets the resolution of these problems in a context of great difficulty. Confidence will be low, provoking instability in foreign exchange markets. Furthermore, the con*sequences for the real economy* are serious indeed. The collapse of the "free market" represents more *than just an intellectual defeat* for an article of right-wing faith.

The immediate impact is a massive deflation. The loss of almost $2,000 billion in the value of assets reduces the capacity to borrow and thus to spend. So economies will grow more slowly. That is why the response, the world round, has been to loosen monetary conditions and cut the price of borrowing.

So although the market acted on a perception of real economic weakness, the manner in which it did so opens it up to legitimate inquiry. Computerized trading has been an obvious target of criticism. But while programmed selling no doubt affects the speed of the fall, it is ludicrous to describe it as the main cause.

More important, especially in the US, there has been heavy borrowing to finance growth on the strength of rising asset values in the stock market. This feeds the market until the stock prices rise without regard to the true state of the company. A sudden collapse then leaves borrowers without either adequate collateral for their debt or means of repayment.

But these are reasons why the bubble burst, not why it was formed in the first place. To discover that, it is necessary to examine the nature of the modern market itself. In a prescient article, written some weeks ago in *The Wall Street Journal*, Professor Peter Drucker of the Claremont Graduate School recalled the 1960s' predictions of a new economic phenomenon, "*corporate capitalism*" — autonomous managers wielding enormous power through a decreasing number of very large multinationals.

In fact, what we have instead, he argues, is "*speculators' capitalism*" — power in the hands of the major institutional investors, *mainly pension funds. Their sole* focus is the company's immediate earnings, hence next week's stock *price. This pushes investment* in search of the quickest return. Speculation becomes not simply an *unhappy adjunct of dealing in* company stocks; it becomes the end in itself. Ownership of shares is just having a *stack of* chips on the casino table.

It is this "speculators' capitalism" that is, in part, responsible for the merger mania that swept the US and Britain last year. It all adds up to a market no longer motivated, except obliquely, by real economic activity.

The corollary of the institutional investors' desire for instant profits is that the corporate managers feel pressure to deliver them. Long-term performance is sacrificed. The most notable example from the US is in the field of video cassette recorders. Although invented and developed in the US, not a single US company now produces them. To do so would have required years of investment before a return was shown.

The CBI recently published a report purporting to show that British industry does not feel constrained by City short*termism*. It was a flawed document, produced by a study group that included virtually no small or *medium-size business* representatives. But, in fact, in the survey on which the report was based, 40 per cent of respondents *did* say the City was a major inhibition on long-term investment.

The foreign exchange markets are already, on Mrs Thatcher's admission, "95 per cent speculation". The image of the stock market is, after last week, irretrievably tarnished. Somehow, it seems unlikely that there will be many politicians seeking election over the next few years extolling the virtues of "the market". The agenda has at last changed.

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however . . . Henry Stanhope

A distinct lack of foresight

Those privileged to be present at a family gathering of the Forsytes have seen that charming and instructive sight — a family of middle-class yuppies in full plumage. In October 1987, about four of the afternoon, the observer who chanced to be present at the house of old Jolyon in Millwall Docks might have seen them so assembled to celebrate the birthday of the Big Bang. In a bravery of Bally shoes, Gucci handbags and Middlesex accents, the family were all there — even Aunt Ann with her back and the dignity of her facelift, personifying the rigid possessiveness of them all.

They had done so well for themselves, these Forsytes, that they were all what is called "of a certain position". They had shares in all sorts of things, though not as yet in Consols, for they had no dread in life like that of only 3 per cent for their money.

In the centre of the room under the Habitat chandeliers stood the head of the family, old Jolyon himself, with his fine white toupee, his beady little eyes and dyed moustache. There were well-dressed lawyers and doctors, men from the Stock Exchange and all the innumerable avocations of the middle class in Mrs Thatcher's Britain. Aunt Ann knew all their secrets, their hang-ups, affairs, shady deals and impending divorces, whether they were making lots of money — all this was her property, her delight, her life.

"Well, Aunt Ann," said a voice behind her. Soames Forsyte, flat shouldered, flat waisted, flat footed, looked downwards and aslant at her, as though trying to see through the side of his nose. Aunt Ann's eyes rested on him proudly. The eldest of the nephews, he was her favourite, for she recognized him as a sure trustee of the family soul — which must soon slip beyond her keeping.

"I fear I bring bad news," he said. His voice was grave.

"Are Consols going down?"

"Worse. Much worse." He smiled grimly.

"You mean . . . Consols are going up?"

"I have just come from my club," he said in reply. "We've got a bear now instead of a bull."

The old lady, who had lived to see the Forsyte tree prosper and grow, the sap of life flowing through its branches until it reached full growth at its appointed time under Nigel Lawson, surveyed him anxiously.

"Really dear? At your club? You don't feel perhaps that you've been overworking lately . . . or perhaps Irene . . . ?"

But Soames shook his head impatiently. "Millions have been lost from shares overnight . . ."

He stopped suddenly, aware that they were not alone. "They tell me Jolyon's bought another development," said his father's voice close by. "Must have more money than he knows what to do with. Lucky beggar. Rotherhithe, they say . . ."

The position of their houses was of vital importance to the Forsytes. Nor was this remarkable, since the whole spirit of their success was embodied therein, as prices in Docklands soared. There flashed through Soames's mind the prospect of an imminent move to Tooting. Poor old Jolyon . . .

"Quiet, please!" he called, above the flow of conversation and tinkling glass. In the silence which descended he was conscious of a breeze ruffling the Laura Ashley curtains — and of his wife, the perfection of her silhouette outlined against the reproduction Adam fireplace and shelves of unread imitation calf-bound books.

"I am sorry to have to tell you all," said Soames, struggling to keep the emotion from his voice. "But there has been a crash."

"My God, not the Porsche," cried young Jolyon, rushing towards the window. But Soames raised a restraining hand.

"It is, I fear, much worse than that," he said. "I'm afraid we have lost all our money."

The silence grew more intense, until it was almost tangible. There was a *brief sob — from June, he* thought — and somebody muttered "Good God". It was, he thought, an oddly inappropriate response.

"It was the computers," he went on. "They said 'sell' so we sold. We still," he added in a largely unsuccessful attempt at cheerfulness, "have a little in the Abbey National."

But he knew that the family had gathered for what their creator had called "one last proud pageant" before they fell. It was a saga that was ending — not with a whimper, but the Biggest Bang of all . . .

Rodney Lord assesses the potential areas for change in the social security system

Welfare reform: the limited menu for Moore

John Moore's ambition to reform the *welfare state* will be signalled in the Commons today when he announces details of the annual updating of state benefits. Child benefit is likely to be frozen and housing benefit cut.

Moore's willingness to reopen a subject which consumed so much political energy during the last parliament indicates disappointment with the reforms instituted by Norman Fowler, his predecessor as Social Services Secretary. Useful changes were made to supplementary benefit and modest steps taken towards tailoring pension provision more closely to the individual. But there were no major changes in the design or philosophy of the benefit system.

Moore's thinking about the welfare state is clear enough: he wants less dependence on the state — more than a third of all households now receive housing benefit — and a greater concentration of resources where they are most needed. But this does not command unanimous support even at Moore's end of the political spectrum. Any benefit for which eligibility is phased out as income rises creates a disincentive to earn, and risks producing a new poverty trap. The disincentive can either be large for a relatively small number *of people or smaller* for a larger number of people, but there is no escaping it.

Having looked this defect in the eye, what can Moore do? There are two main areas where benefits are currently paid, irrespective of need and where more accurate targeting could, in principle, be applied: pensions, unemployment and invalidity benefit, all contributory, and the non-contributory child benefit.

Child benefit is paid for every child, whether its parents are millionaires or paupers. The Conservative election manifesto promised that it would "continue to be paid as now". However, if it were confined to those families eligible for family income supplement — which includes those in work but on low incomes — it would be possible to double the weekly payment of £7.25 and still save about £4 billion to apply in tax cuts or poverty relief.

How much "dependence" child benefit really creates is arguable — less *perhaps* than *benefits* paid only where they are urgently needed. It is argued that society as a whole has a *responsibility for the* next generation and the fact that child benefit is paid to mothers *commands* a good deal of support, not least among Tory women activists.

In spite of all this, child benefit is still the most blatant example of an administrative machine shuffling money from the right hand to the left. One way of targeting it more narrowly would be to continue paying the benefit to every mother as now, but, at higher income levels, retrieving it from the father's income. A more straightforward option would be to make the benefit taxable, though this would increase the administrative merry-go-round further. *Simplest of all would be* not to raise the benefit in line with inflation so that its real value gradually *withered away while* further resources were targeted through family income supplement to *those most in need.*

Among the non-contributory benefits the other main opportu*nity for greater targeting is housing* benefit — present cost about £3.5 billion. This already goes to *about seven million households* out of 20 million and the number is likely to increase as more *lettings are made at decontrolled* rents. Options for containing the number who draw part of their housing costs from the state include setting a cash limit to the total amount which can be paid, a percentage limit, and regional variations. All have drawbacks.

With the contributory benefits such as the retirement pension, unemployment and invalidity benefits, the case for *reform* is rather different. These benefits do not work in the same way because they are paid *only to those with a* proper record of contributions. The government's aim has been to *return decisions on the level of* saving and insurance to the individual, and channel more of it *through the private sector.*

The obstacle is that, unlike occupational pensions, state pen*sions are "pay as you go". In other* words, today's contributors are paying not for their own pensions *but for today's pensioners. If* employees were allowed to transfer to a private scheme, today's *state pensions would still* have to be paid. That means that any movement towards greater pension privatization must be relatively slow. The best the government is likely to be able to *do is set aside* the increasing income arising from greater prosperity for private saving, *while confining increases in the* state pension to the rise in prices.

Unemployment and invalidity *benefits could in principle* gradually be privatized too. But there seems little justice in compound*ing the disadvantage of those most* likely to be made redundant by raising the cost of their insurance *against losing a job.*

More targeting of social benefits makes a lot of sense. But if the aim *really is to make sure* that those in need get help then it has the disadvantage that take-up of income-related benefits is often quite low. People frequently do not know what they are entitled to, or are too proud to claim. Targeting could therefore increase pressure for the well-worn idea of a basic income guarantee payable through the tax system.

A tax-credit system of this kind contains a good deal of administrative logic. But such an upheaval is unlikely to be near the top of the government's priorities. With the poll tax, changes to the *taxation of women and further* income tax changes already in the pipeline, there is quite enough tax reform around to satisfy most political appetites.

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MRS THATCHER'S CHURCH

An interview recently given by the Prime Minister in the magazine *Women's Own* will again spark off the modern version of the church and state controversy. Mrs Thatcher said nothing very remarkable, certainly nothing which she has not been known to believe for a long time and she made no personal attacks on members of the episcopacy. What she did say was that the church was not giving the moral leadership which it should in matters of personal conduct.

It was no longer preaching clearly and unequivocally the Ten Commandments or emphasizing the supreme importance of personal responsibility. Much of what she said will find an echo in the hearts of many Anglican lay people; but the question remains "should she have said it"?

It does not permit of a simple answer. Mr Macmillan once said that morals were matters that he should leave to the Bishops. Mrs Thatcher would certainly agree with him, provided, of course, that the Bishops concerned themselves with morals. Her complaint is precisely that they do not. It is, up to a point, an extravagant complaint. The church is not there simply to denounce human wickedness. It is there to save souls and it has to operate now against the background of a largely hostile culture. Bishops who say that married people ought to be ready to forgive each other for adultery are too often misrepresented as approving of adultery; Bishops who say that an inclination towards homosexuality is not in itself a sin but something which calls for compassionate counsel are too often stigmatized as defenders of homosexuality. Nevertheless, the general burden of Mrs Thatcher's charge is justified. Before the church can start proclaiming the forgiveness of sins, it must define what sin is, and to this task it now brings conspicuously little zeal. What is more, its preoccupation with "the social gospel" leads it to neglect the importance of personal responsibility, to fulminate against classes and attitudes rather than to address men and women to their own particular duties.

Yet, what is to be done about it? There is very little to be said for encouraging politicians to take up the role of priests and prophets. Politicians are concerned with keeping society going, with introducing laws which express whatever moral consensus exists. They are also inevitably in the businesss of compromise. If they start lecturing us about personal virtue we shall inevitably distrust them. Besides, if it were ever to come about, who would keep an eye on the moral behaviour of politicians – not their sexual habits, which are of relatively little importance, but the moral concern with which they address themselves to the stewardship of public power.

Mrs Thatcher, it must be again emphasized, would agree with all of that. It is exactly because she does not want the state to take over the task of moral instruction that she wants the church to perform that task more efficiently. Implicitly rebuking the Bishops, however, for their failures, and doing so in public, is rather like usurping their authority. It is also unlikely to do much good. It will embitter relations between church and state rather than cement them.

How can the dilemma be solved? Mr Macmillan had a far larger say in the appointment of Bishops to whom he was prepared to entrust moral issues than has Mrs Thatcher. It is arguable that the modest and judiciously exercised powers of patronage enjoyed by Prime Ministers in the past and the ultimate authority of Parliament over the liturgy helped to sustain, not a servile church, but a stable church and one far more concentrated on the defence of the fundamentals of its tradition. But that argument seems for the moment to have been lost.

Would it still not be possible, however, to regain some of the advantages of the old partnership? There was a time not so long ago when Prime Ministers (certainly Tory ones) used to have Archbishops and Bishops to dinner to exchange in private, and over good claret, their hopes and fears? Would not such private meetings be at least as useful a vehicle for prime ministerial anxieties as interviews, enlightening though this one undoubtedly was.

NO SUMMIT – NO MATTER

Mr Mikhail Gorbachov has shattered this year's American dream by refusing to attend a summit in Washington without first winning concessions on the Strategic Defence Iniative ("Star Wars"). But his decision is hardly a political disaster.

The growing assumption that the Soviet leader would at last set foot on American soil around Thanksgiving Day had been founded on two separate premises. One was that the likelihood of a European missiles treaty, required a summit before Christmas at which the superpower leaders could shake hands on it and sign. The other was that Mr Gorbachov stood to gain as much from this politically as did President Reagan.

There is indeed an agreement in the offing. It was clear from Mr Shultz's visit to Moscow that only the small print now has to be written. This treaty, which would remove all Soviet and American intermediate-range nuclear forces (INF) from Europe within three years, is being sought by the Russians no less keenly than by anyone else. (It is primarily in Western Europe that doubts remain). The inference must be that Moscow, no less than Washington, would like to see the package agreed this year.

It does not require, however, that Mr Gorbachov should go to America to sign it. Washington was decided as a venue at the Geneva lakeside summit in 1985. But two years is a long time in international politics and a widely anticipated INF treaty which requires the Soviets to scrap more missiles than it does the Americans, is clearly seen as an inadequate take-home present. Speculation that the Soviets sprung a diplomatic trap, into which the Americans incautiously trod, is not necessarily true. It is equally likely that the Russian response is the consequence of political pressures in Moscow.

Does it matter if the Washington summit does not take place? The faith which politicians place in summits, is touching but misplaced. Those summits which are hailed as diplomatic triumphs have usually been so well rigged before they happen, that the meeting is a celebration of a largely accepted fact. Those held on less well-surveyed foundations, often yield few results and bring nothing but disappointment or dismay.

This one had already begun to sound like part of America's 1988 presidential campaign, its triumphs designed to bolster the image of Mr Reagan, as his presidency enters its final diminuendo – or, as he might still hope, crescendo. But its outcome could have contained disasters too. So its impact, evenfor those purposes, was uncertain.

From Mr Gorbachov's point of view, however, he would have been seen in Moscow's eyes as aiding the Republican party – and an outgoing president whose views he did not entirely share. While the superpowers are nearing agreement on INF and while they would seem to have (in theory) common objectives in the area of strategic weapons reductions, their approaches to SDI are in direct conflict.

The President is still America's most fervent believer in SDI. No successor in the White House could afford to end the research programme. The Soviets after all have one of their own. But the odds must be that the next President will be far less dedicated to its objectives and will pursue them with much less vigour. Mr Gorbachov can hardly have expected to win the concessions on SDI that he demanded. But it is hardly in his interests to appear in the eyes of Moscow's military as the man who helped promote Mr Reagan's cause. Western observers became so much in thrall to summit "hype" that they foretold the future through their own eyes only. That many of them would seem to have got it wrong, though, should do no lasting damage in either hemisphere.

A GOOD EUROPEAN

The Belgians, who are about to plunge into a general election on the perennial issue, resent the fact that foreigners' attention only turns to their country when it threatens to fall apart because of language. The good work being done for the Belgian economy by Mr Wilfried Martens, the highly capable Flemish Christian Democrat Prime Minister for the past eight years, has been interrupted by a combative, faintly absurd local mayor who refuses to prove that he can speak Flemish (which he can) as required by local government law.

This tiresome dignitary has succeeded in stoking the flames of the linguistic dispute to the point where it has made unworkable the coalition of French and Flemish-speaking Christian Democrats and Liberals. Anyone who has asked the way in French in a Flemish-speaking area of Belgium and met with a distinctly frosty response, or been puzzled by road signs reading "Mons-Bergen" and "Luik-Liege" will know the scale of the problem.

Belgium was parcelled out between Spain, Austria, France and the Netherlands before the national revolt of 1830 against the Dutch and the setting up of an independent Belgian kingdom under Leopold I. So from the very beginning the question of Belgian nationhood has been a puzzle to other Europeans. Flemish speakers took a full part in the anti-Dutch revolt. That they too spoke Dutch took second place to Belgian nationalism – and to their Catholic religion. Belgium conquered the Congo with Dutch speakers who managed to swallow any resentment that the country was dominated by French language and culture.

But under the Nazi occupation some right-wing Flemish nationalists collaborated with the Germans in the hope of uniting Belgium with the Netherlands. This collaboration tainted Flemish nationalism for many years after the war. By the 1960s, conflict between communities provoked violence and brought down governments. Various governments – including those of Mr Martens – have resorted to a kind of separate development in an effort to defuse community conflict: separate colleges and schools, ministers of education, hospitals.

Yet tensions persist. The Walloons resent new-found Flemish self-confidence, and the booming Flanders economy. The Flemings resent traditional French-speaking dominance of the professions and of the industrial and political elite. Britain and other European nations should support Mr Martens – or his eventual successor – in seeking to restore the national unity which caught fire in 1830 and survived for over a century. The Zeebrugge disaster reminded Britons that, just across the North Sea, we have a warm, sympathetic and well disposed neighbour.

Belgium, with its rich heritage and cultural mix, is the archetypal European country, the home of the EEC and of Nato. The mayor, voicing the kind of extremist resentment which has never won significant support at the polls, said recently that this very cultural diversity was a mistake, that Wallonia and Flanders were "like fire and water", and that for him Belgium did not exist. Europeans should wish Mr Martens well in his efforts to find constitutional reforms which will thwart such a man.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Case for schools wanting to opt out

From the Rector of Witney

Sir, As a parish priest, I am dismayed at the chorus of disapproval from those who object to the proposal to allow schools to "opt out" of local authority control. I am even more dismayed when this chorus is joined by those who direct religious education on behalf of the Christian churches (report, October 21).

For some years governors of Church schools have been painfully aware of the increasing disapproval of local authorities to Church-aided schools. Often this disapproval is backed up by a less than supportive diocesan education authority.

The well thought-out proposals of the secretary of state would give Church-aided schools the opportunity once again to serve the Church and the local community, instead of being pawns in some great plan.

Perhaps the authorities would be content to allow the governing bodies and the parents to run the sort of schools that they think best, even if it means the decimation of some empires, whether they be local authority or diocesan.

As a school governor for more than 25 years, I warmly welcome Mr Baker's proposals and hope that they become law.

Yours faithfully,
ROLAND MEREDITH,
The Rectory,
43 Weavers Close,
Witney, Oxford.
October 21.

From Mrs A. M. Alford

Sir, According to a report in today's edition of *The Times* (October 21), the Inner London Education Authority has received many letters from school governing bodies and others who wish to protest against the Government's plans to allow local authorities to opt out of ILEA but has not received any representations from those who support the Government's policy.

As a governor of a school in the City of Westminster I support the Government's proposals to allow local authorities in inner London to assume responsibility for education within their boundaries. I wrote to the ILEA on September 22, in response to the consultation papers which were distributed to governors, to register this view.

My impression is that the ILEA objects to the Government's proposals not out of concern for the teachers or pupils at schools in inner London but because of members' political opinions. Their apparent disregard for the views of those that oppose them would seem to uphold this opinion.

My particular interest in education as a governor of an ILEA school is the provision of a high-quality education system which encourages pupils to achieve good qualifications within the framework of a national curriculum. I would like to see more transfers between schools, more single-sex schools to meet the demand of Muslim and other religious groups, and more involvement by headteachers and school governors in the management of resources, both human and financial.

I do not believe that the Inner London Education Authority as presently constituted shares these objectives.

Yours sincerely,
A. M. ALFORD,
22 Linhope Street, NW1.

Classical studies

From Professor Ian Jack, FBA

Sir, I wish to support Allan Massie's plea (article, October 17) for the retention of Latin, though he weakens it by claiming too little and revealing an archaic distrust of the study of our own literature.

It is well known that a classical training does not always produce literary people. What concerns me is that young men and women who are deeply interested in literature, and who wish to make the study of our own writers their academic discipline, should continue to enjoy the linguistic and literary advantages conferred by some knowledge of Latin.

That language is important not only for the reasons which Mr Massie adduces, but also because most of our great writers have been brought up on Horace and Virgil. To read any of our major poets without a sense of the classical echoes in their verse is to be in the unfortunate situation of a man at a concert who suffers from impaired hearing.

Of course school Latin does not enable one to read Virgil with ease. But it is foolish of Mr Massie, to describe as irrelevant the argument that Latin "opens up the classical past which is part of our heritage". It is better that a door should be partly open than that it should remain shut and locked.

There is an important difference between reading Virgil as if he wrote English prose and reading his verse with the help of Dryden's splendid version or with that of the prose crib provided in the Loeb edition. Since poetry is the use of language in which the sound becomes part of the meaning, some awareness of the rhythm and structure of the original transforms the experience of reading. Like most scholars in my field I owe a great debt to the classics teacher who ensured that Greek and Latin would continue to matter to me throughout my life.

If the present age, so curiously indifferent to the continuities of civilisation, so obsessed with computers and the cult of the "entrepreneur", wilfully abandons the attempt to keep communications open with the European civilisation of the last two or three thousand years, it will be responsible for losing ground which is unlikely ever to be recovered. I heard the other day that Latin is no longer even an option in Dr Johnson's old school in Lichfield: I read now that the classics department at Aberdeen University is to be closed.

Mr Massie does well to remind, us of the old meaning of Humanity. This is not the time for proponents of the principal arts subjects to fall out among themselves. We should rather join in warning an increasingly Philistine age that there are other things in life than the more immediately profitable aspects of science and technology.

Yours faithfully,
IAN JACK,
Pembroke College, Cambridge.

Future of Hotol

From Mr G. W. Morrey

Sir, In the early 1960s the then Barnes Wallis addressed the Science Society at Epsom College on the subject of aeronautical engineering. Much of his talk concerned the possibility of constructing a sub-orbital aircraft to fly to Australia, bearing a close resemblance to Hotol (horizontal take-off and landing aircraft). He even described the general principles of a high-altitude, air-breathing engine, but required a liquid-fuel rocket boost for the final lift. He stressed, however, that the project had to remain low key and be kept away from Government until it was ready.

This led to the other subject of his address, the number of projects where the initial ideas and development had subsequently been handed over to other countries when funds ran out.

Some 25 years later the project arrives in public view and within two years the objective seems to be to ensure that the UK involvement is minimized.

I am left wondering which half of the lecture was the more prophetic.

Yours faithfully,
G. W. MORREY,
4 Claremont Road,
Bickley,
Bromley, Kent.
October 22.

UK role in space

From Mr Madron Seligman, MEP for Sussex West (European Democrat (Conservative))

Sir, The Government is right to insist on the principle that public money should not be lavished on space activities if industry itself is not prepared to come up with finance as well.

However, some commentators seem to have lost sight of the fact that the valuable industrial contracts generated by European Space Agency (ESA) projects are placed according to a formula which reflects the budgetary contributions made by each member-state government. Briefly, if one country puts a lot in, its industries get a lot out.

Since this formula is part of the ESA Convention, it is pointless to encourage British companies to go for a larger share of ESA contracts than would be warranted by the UK's share of ESA budgets. Equally, there is small incentive for them to invest in the research and development needed to prepare for these non-existent contracts.

Clearly, the Government must weigh the relative advantages of cooperation with European and cooperation with other international partners. In so doing, it will no doubt bear in mind that there is no true partnership without a fair exchange of technical know-how during the project, and that European cooperation has a considerably better track record in this respect than the USA.

Yours faithfully,
MADRON SELIGMAN,
Micklepage House, Nuthurst,
Nr Horsham, West Sussex.
October 18.

Oxford research deal

From Professor A. C. Rose-Innes

Sir, Oxford University, like all universities, is responding to pressure to obtain funding from industry for research, and its Department of Pharmacology is to be congratulated on its £2 million from E. R. Squibbs and Sons for a new research centre (report, October 16).

The company has, quite reasonably from its point of view, stipulated that the results of research should not be published until it has taken out patents, and the head of the university research group says that the strings attached are "not significant".

Nevertheless, this raises the question of to what extent should the basic principles of a university be subjugated to commercial demands.

The restriction on publication implies that the work in the new Oxford centre may not be freely discussed with visiting scientists or the latest results presented at conferences. But surely the prime purpose of a university is to disseminate knowledge, not to hide it?

Yours faithfully,
A. C. ROSE-INNES,
The Athenaeum,
Pall Mall, SW1.
October 16.

Return of the mini-skirt

From Lady Bellew

Sir, One can only wonder why fashion designers should suddenly decide to cut their clientele by more than half by the simple expedient of designing clothes fit only to be worn by young and very slim and exceedingly brave women.

Surely it makes no sense to lift skirts far above the knee when so few women will be able to wear them without looking ridiculous.

Store buyers must be groaning as they wonder how to clothe their valuable older clients, and material manufacturers will suffer too. One can so easily forecast the slump that will follow this insane and utterly hideous 1987 "New Look".

Anyway, Ascot next summer should provide an hilarious spectacle but sadly neither a chic nor glamorous one.

Yours etc,
GWEN BELLEW,
Burgage House,
Stow-on-the-Wold,
Gloucestershire.

From Mrs D. E. Hope

Sir, Men refuse to fall victims to the wilder flights of fancy of the fashion industry. Isn't it time women followed their example, and isn't it time fashion editors helped them to do so instead of indiscriminately promoting the patently absurd?

Yours faithfully,
D. E. HOPE,
31 St Lukes Road,
Cheltenham,
Gloucestershire.
October 22.

From Mr Hamish Lawlan

Sir, The wearers of mini-skirts in American must find it rather unpleasant to be poured over [sic] by investment analysts for clues to the prevailing mood of the stock market (report, early editions, October 20). But preferable, perhaps, to being pawed over.

Yours faithfully,
HAMISH LAWLAN,
West Cottage,
Halton Shields,
Corbridge,
Northumberland.
October 21.

'Thatcher' years

From Dr Martin Holmes

Sir, John Vincent (article, October 10) seriously underestimates the changes of the Thatcher years by down-playing the centrality of major economic reforms. To describe the privatisation of 40 per cent of industries nationalised over a 35-year period as marginal is to miss the significance of what is known as "Thatcherism".

The radicalism of economic policy since 1979 lies in the assault not only on nationalisation or Keynesian demand management but on an economic policy *machine* that was hitherto locked into a corporate state of institutionalised government intervention.

Keynesianism required incomes-policy intervention; that in turn brought the unions into economic policymaking through NEDC (National Economic Development Council) or "social contracts"; consequently a high level of nationalisation – or investment in existing public-sector enterprises – formed a central part of an industrial strategy aimed at "safeguarding" jobs at BL, the coalmines, steelworks and shipyards.

These policies formed the core of a consensus that stretched from the unions, through Whitehall, academia and the media to all the main political parties.

The dismantling of this corporate state has involved a massive shift to a more market-oriented economy of which the removal of the Scargillite veto (cf 1972 and 1974) is the most radical manifestation.

I remain, Sir, yours faithfully,
MARTIN HOLMES,
44 Park Town, Oxford.

Simplifying tax

From Mr R. N. Bowes

Sir, It is with somewhat gloomy feelings that I observe the continuing debate over the correct way of taxing married couples. It is not just that it seems so difficult to resolve a position which is fundamentally indefensible, but that one feels any solution that is found will render even more complicated our existing tax system.

At every turn, we find that complication increases. We have capital gains tax that cannot in any way be calculated by an ordinary individual. We have a personal equity plan scheme of excellent intentions, but throttled by detailed regulations. We have, above all, a basic tax system which is constantly being tinkered with but never simplified.

In this, the Chancellor has my sympathy. He is dealing with a department expert at creating complication and then more jobs. It is perhaps unfortunate that, as with the welfare services and the National Health Service (two other sacred cows), the army of workers involved is by no means always in step with the overall philosophic direction of the current government nor of the majority of the electorate.

Regrettably, little or nothing has been done since the present Government was first elected in 1979 to simplify the tax system and we must sincerely hope that the Chancellor will find the necessary time and strength to achieve such simplification during the lifetime of the present Parliament. Otherwise, he is likely continually to be strangled by his own organisation.

I remain, Sir, your obedient servant,
R. N. BOWES,
Fairacre, Enton Green,
Godalming, Surrey.

Shuffling papers

From Mr George Ditton

Sir, Each morning my wife rumples and disorganizes my copy of *The Times* and removes the TV page spread. My efforts to reestablish the pages in shape and order were never successful 100 per cent.

Inspired by a member of my golf club who knows someone who stitches the centre with a sewing-machine, I now staple the centre, top and bottom of the middle-page spread. The centre I find a little difficult and tend to staple the paper to my thumb. Has anyone a better idea?

At least my *Times* is now *intacta* if not quite *virgo*.

Yours faithfully,
GEORGE DITTON,
High Meadows, Playford,
Near Ipswich, Suffolk.
October 15.

ON THIS DAY

OCTOBER 27 1905

In 1865 William Booth (1829-1912) started the Christian Mission in Whitechapel, London; 13 years later the name was changed to the Salvation Army

"GENERAL" BOOTH IN THE CITY.

PRESENTATION OF THE FREEDOM.

An event, memorable even in the annals of a city which has witnessed so many memorable events, took place yesterday afternoon in the Guildhall. At a special Court of Common Council, presided over by the Lord Mayor, with all the imposing ceremony prescribed by long tradition, the freedom of the City of London was presented to "General" Booth, the founder and head of the Salvation Army, in recognition of "his earnest and conscientious exertions for the moral and social improvement of the necessitous classes . . ."

"General" Booth . . . delivered an address in reply. He said . . . The Salvation Army was now recognized to be what it professed to be – the friend of the homeless classes. (Cheers.) The army was valued because it trained and consecrated itself to the discharge of its duty to those sections of the population that were outside the pale of all ordinary religious, philanthropic, and official effort. Some 40 years ago he gave himself, his wife, and his children, and everything he possessed, to the service of the suffering crowds he saw around him. He resolved that their people should be his people and their God his God. The Salvation Army had followed the sacred injunction not to invite to feasts those who could return the invitation, and the City had acted on the same principle on this occasion, for the Salvation Army were very unlikely to ask the Corporation back. (Laughter.) Those whom the Salvation Army invited to their feasts were the criminal, the harlot, the drunkard, the pauper, and all those who were wretched and uncared for, who had neither home nor hope. During the Boer war, in one of the besieged towns, food became very scarce and relief had to be organized. The people met in the market place, and the distribution of food was left to the ministers of the different denominations. The Episcopalian clergyman first invited those who belonged to his Church to go with him. Then the Wesleyan, the Congregational, and the Baptist ministers did the same. At last came the turn of the Salvation Army captain, who said, "All you chaps that don't belong to nobody, you follow me." (Cheers and laughter.) . . .

The Salvation Army had gone down into the depths of this sea of misery and had given itself to the rescue of the wretches drowning there. The success of the army's work had won sympathy for it. There had been a great change in public feeling with regard to the army's methods. Those methods which once were scoffed at and scorned were now being adopted by others who wished to accomplish the same results. He would not say that the army always succeeded. That would be impossible in any real warfare. To strike meant to be struck back at. But the records of the work which the army had done were very remarkable. They had reached the Godless, Christless crowds with a religion that was very simple. It was to worship and love God, to consecrate life to His service, and to do what could be done for one's neighbours. The army had done something to spread that religion, and by its means to help the starving poor and ameliorate their sufferings. If the Government would give to the army the sums spent by the State on inebriates the army would deal with all the drunkards in the kingdom. Some one had said that this ceremony would be a fitting crown to the close of his career. He cherished the hope that there were a few years still left to him, and that they were destined to be years of harder and more successful work than any that had gone before . . .

COURT AND SOCIAL

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE
October 26: The Duke of Edinburgh arrived at Royal Air Force, Marham, this evening in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight from the United States of America, where His Royal Highness, Patron of the Outward Bound Trust, attended a dinner at the Colorado Outward Bound School to commemorate the 25th Anniversary of Outward Bound in the United States of America and received the Kurt Hahn Award.

Mr Brian McGrath was in attendance.

The Prince Edward this morning visited North East Surrey's "The Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Award Expedition Black Mountains 1987" near Crickhowell, and subsequently attended a luncheon at Crickhowell High School (Headmaster, Mr D. R. Davies) to meet Award Scheme participants and helpers.

His Royal Highness was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Powys (Mr Mervyn Bourdillon).

The Prince Edward, attended by Lieutenant-Colonel Sean O'Dwyer, travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

The Princess Royal this morning opened the West London Institute of Higher Education's new Sports Hall, Isleworth, Middlesex.

Her Royal Highness was received by the Principal of the College (Dr J. Kane).

The Princess Royal this afternoon attended the Annual Luncheon of the New Zealand-United Kingdom Chamber of Commerce and Industry (Chairman, the Lord Denman) at the Inn on the Park, Park Lane, London W1.

Her Royal Highness this evening attended the 1987 Wavendon Allmusic Awards Charity Gala Concert at the Barbican Hall, London EC4.

Mrs Charles Ritchie was in attendance.

By command of The Queen, the Lord Beaverbrook (Lord in Waiting) called upon the Governor-General of Barbados today at the Churchill Hotel and, on behalf of Her Majesty, welcomed His Excellency upon his arrival in this Country.

By command of The Queen, the Earl of Dundee (Lord in Waiting) was present at Heathrow Airport, London, this afternoon upon the arrival of the Governor-General of Antigua and Barbuda and Lady Jacobs and welcomed Their Excellencies on behalf of Her Majesty.

Mrs John Dugdale has succeeded Lady Susan Hussey as Lady in Waiting to The Queen.

KENSINGTON PALACE
October 26: The Duke of Gloucester, Patron, Educational Foundation for Visual Aids, this morning opened the International Conference at the Angel Hotel, Cardiff. His Royal Highness later opened the new classroom block at The Cathedral School, Llandaff, Wales.

The Duke of Gloucester, attended by Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Simon Bland, travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
October 26: Princess Alexandra was present at the Women of the Year Luncheon, in aid of Greater London Fund for the Blind, at the Savoy Hotel.

This evening, Her Royal Highness and the Hon Angus Ogilvy were present at a Dinner given by the British Friends of the Art Museums of Israel at the Victoria & Albert Museum.

Mrs Peter Afia was in attendance.

A service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Lieutenant-Commander the Hon Greville Howard, VRD, RNR, will be held on Tuesday, November 10, 1987, at 3 pm at the Church of All Hallows-by-the-Tower, Byward Street, London, EC3.

Dinners

English-Speaking Union
Rear-Admiral Richard Heaslip, Director-General of the English-Speaking Union of the Commonwealth, and Mrs Valerie Mitchell, ESU director of branches and cultural affairs, attended a dinner held last night at the Palais du Luxembourg, Paris, to celebrate the creation of the English-Speaking Union France. M Pierre Christian Taittinger, Vice-President of the French Senate and President of ESU France, and Mme Beatrix Keil, vice-president, received the guests.

Cardiff Business Club
Mrs Susan E. Williams, Lord Lieutenant of South Glamorgan, Sir Cennydd Traherne, President of the Cardiff Business Club, and Sir Donald Walters, High Sheriff of South Glamorgan, were present at a dinner given by the Cardiff Business Club last night at the Royal Hotel, Cardiff. Mr Roger Thomas, Partner, Phillips and Buck, solicitors, presided and Sir Thomas N. Risk, Governor of the Bank of Scotland, was the guest speaker.

Dyers' Company

The following have been elected officers of the Dyers' Company for the ensuing year:
Prime Warden, Mr Robert Mervyn Stede Goodsall; Renter Warden, Dr Peter Riley Vernon Tomson.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr P. Christopherson and Miss R.M. Hunter
The engagement is announced between Philip, second son of Mrs L.M. Christopherson, BEM, and the late Mr P.M. Christopherson, of Fulham, London, and Rachel Margot, youngest daughter of Mr David I. Hunter, MBE, and the late Mrs Sybil Hunter, of Goostrey, Cheshire.

Mr Q.M. Freeman and Miss K.J. Nixon
The engagement is announced between Quintin, youngest son of Mrs Mary Freeman and the late Mr Cecil Freeman, of Much Hadham, Hertfordshire, and Kamala Jane, daughter of Mr and Mrs Leslie Nixon, of Adelaide, South Australia.

Mr W.R. Woodward-Fisher and Miss K.E. Moore
The engagement is announced between William, son of Mr and Mrs K.N. Woodward-Fisher, of Kensington, London, and Kerry, daughter of Mr F.B. Moore and the late Mrs Moore, of Wivelsfield, Sussex.

Marriage

Mr R.H. Fergusson and Miss M.C.C. Faulder
The marriage took place on October 16, at St Mary of the Angels, Moorhouse Road, W2, between Mr Robert Howard Fergusson, son of Dr and Mrs Ian Fergusson, and Miss Maria Clemencia Catherine Faulder, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Faulder. Father J. Buckley officiated and the readings were by Brother Thaddeus, SSF.

The bride was attended by Patrick Faulder, and her brother, Mr Dominic Faulder was best man.

A reception was held at Leighton House, Holland Park Road, W14.

Funeral service

The Lord Lieutenant of Suffolk and the Hon Lady Rowley attended the funeral service for Lady Blanche Cobbold held at St Andrew's, Little Glemham, Suffolk, on Friday, October 23.

The Bishop of Chelmsford, who also gave an address, and the Rev Raymond Jobling, Rector of St Andrew's, Little Glemham, officiated.

Major Philip Hope Johnstone and Mr Ivan Paul, grandsons, read the lessons. Afterwards, the Bishop of Chelmsford officiated at the interment at Little Glemham Church. Among those present were:

Mr Patrick Cobbold (son), Mrs Pamela Cadogan and Mrs Roger Paul (daughters), Mr and Mrs David Paul, Miss Henrietta Paul, Miss Lavenia Paul and Mr Charles Hope Johnstone (grandchildren), Timothy and Thomas Hope Johnstone (great grandsons) and Colonel E I Windsor Clive.

NEW INTEREST RATES

Notice to Account Holders			
Gross Interest % p.a.	Midland Savings Accounts	Net Interest % p.a.	Gross Equivalent to a Basic Rate Taxpayer % p.a.
With effect from 26 October 1987 the following rates will apply:-			
4.32	Deposit Account	3.25	4.45
	High Interest Cheque Account		
8.31	£2,000+	6.25	8.56
8.77	£10,000+	6.60	9.04
	LIVE!Cash		
4.32	£20+	3.25	4.45
6.64	£100+	5.00	6.85
8.11	Monthly Income Account	6.10	8.36
9.30	Premier Savings Account £5,000+	7.00	9.59
	Saver Plus		
5.32	£100+	4.00	5.48
6.98	£500+	5.25	7.19
7.97	£1,000+	6.00	8.22
7.97	Vector Savings	6.00	8.22
	Clients' Premium Deposit Account		
8.00	£25,000-£99,999	6.02	N/A
8.50	£100,000+	6.40	N/A
With effect from 24 November 1987			
4.32	Save and Borrow	3.25	4.45

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Wrinkly responds to the call of the wild

By Kerry Gill

Wrinkly, a ten-week-old orphan seal, is returned to the sea off the west coast of Scotland by Mr Graeme Smith, a marine biologist.

Two months ago the seal pup was little more than a pathetic bag of skin and bones, hence his adopted name, after he was abandoned by his mother. Wrinkly was rescued by a team of zoologists at the Sea Life Centre, north of Oban. Seal pups can become separated from their mothers either during storms or because of contact with humans.

This year five pups have been brought to the centre at Ledaig. They are fed initially on liquidized herring and vitamins and given antibiotics. Mr Smith said that as with infants, the pups have to be winded after feeding. They are gradually weaned on to whole fish and once they weigh 12 kilos, they are placed in a deeper pool where the human bond is gradually broken

By the time they have reached between 22 and 25 kilos their behaviour towards humans changes. Mr Smith said they begin showing natural aggression – a sure sign that they are about to adapt to the wild. To prove his point, Wrinkly bit his arm as a parting gesture.

(Photograph: Tom Kidd).

Appointments in the Forces

Royal Navy
REAR ADMIRAL: C H Layman, to be Senior Naval Member of the Directing Staff RCDS. April 88.

COMMANDERS: P C B Canter, HMS Active in Cmd. 1.2.88; R A Burgess, Nav Star Gps Project Los Angeles as Nato Deputy Programme Manager. 22.4.88: R A de S Cosby, HMS Manchester in Cmd. 9.2.88: R W Hamilton, RY Britannia. 15.4.88: M R Marks, MoD Bath. 12.2.88: W K.Ridley, Staff of Saclant. 18.4.88: S Smith, MoD London. 8.1.88: J A J V Stodart, Are Portland. 8.3.88.

SURGEON COMMANDER: M P W H Paine, MoD London. 19.1.88.

CHAPLAINS: D S James, Britannia RN College. 5.1.88: R McCrum, Seahawk. 17.12.87: J K Watson, HQ Cdo Forces RM. 5.1.88.

The Army
General: Sir Richard Vincent, to be VCDS MoD. 22.10.87.

MAJOR GENERALS: A S J Blacker, to be Comdt RMCS Shrivenham, 20.10.87: P R Davies, to be Comdt Comms HQ Baor. 30.10.87.

BRIGADIER: M H Carey, to be Deme Org & Trg Dgeme Le (A). 16.10.87.

COLONELS: D H G Corsellis, to be DA Kuala Lumpur. 16.10.87: E N de B Broe Ferguson, to School of Infantry. 12.10.87: J D Drummond, to be Inf/GSC M & RO. 16.10.87: P C E Fishbourne, to Office of Governor & C in C Gibraltar. 23.10.87: A E F Cowan, to be DA Belgrade. 31.10.87: I W McLaughlan, to MoD. 30.10.87: R A Bradbury, to MoD (PE). 30.10.87: M G Taylor, to HQ Baor. 30.10.87: D H Coombe (A/Brigadier), to be Comd Med (BR) Corps. 2.11.87.

LIEUTENANT COLONELS: D J L Burt RAPC, to HQ UKLF. 26.10.87: H S Gates 2GR, to MoD (PE). 26.10.87: J Birkbeck RAEC, to HQ NE Dist. 26.10.87: A P N Currie RA, to be CO 12 AD Regt. 1.11.87: T Longland, R Anglian, to be CO R Anglian. 31.10.87: K M Tuff RCT, to HQ UKLF. 26.10.87: J R Westlake, Green Howards, to be CO 1 Kings Own Border. 26.10.87: A D Deuchar RA, to be CO 49 Fd Regt. 16.10.87: D M Gill RE, to be CO 39 Engr Regt. 12.10.87: N R C Hoyal RAEC, to MoD. 19.10.87: R W Kirkwood RAEC, to Army Ed Svcs Cyprus. 15.10.87: E Lowndes RAPC, to MoD. 19.10.87: H B Ransome Williams RA, to RSA & Larkhill Gar. 19.10.87: R J D Reid RE, to HQ UKLF. 12.10.87: P J Wagstaffe RA, to MoD. 19.10.87: D G Bedding RAEC, to HQ Londist. 19.10.87: P T Hirst, ACC, to ACS HQ Baor. 19.10.87: B K Martin, Para, to be CO 4 Para. 19.10.87: P J Mellor DWR, to be CO Jun Inf Bn Ouston. 17.10.87.

Retirements
Brigadier J B K Greenway, late DWR. 22.10.87: Brigadier N M Still, late 17/21L. 17.10.87: Colonel M J C Robertson, late RGJ.

Royal Air Force
GROUP CAPTAINS: P G Pinney as Station Commander and Deputy Captain Queen's Flight. 26.10.87: T C Davies, to Namma, Munich. 22.10.87: W F Mullen, to MoD. 26.10.87.

WING COMMANDERS: R J Slater, HQRAFSC. 26.10.87: G S B Pritchard, to MoD. 26.10.87: D Smith, to RAF Rudloe Manor.

Surrey pair wins cup

The 34th annual Welsh Bridge Union congress took place at Porthcawl over the weekend (A Bridge Correspondent writes).

The main event, for the Red Dragon cup, was won by a Surrey pair, Miss E. Pritchard and Mrs V. Curtis, by the narrow margin of three points over A. Thomas and S. Daniel from Wales.

RESULTS
Red Dragon: 1. Miss E Pritchard, Mrs V Curtis (Surrey) 666; 2. A Thomas, S Daniel (Wales) 663.
Little Dragon: 1. Mrs H Townsend, Dr J Robbins (West Midlands) 468; 2. Mr & Mrs J Timberlake (Surrey) 449.
Mixed Pairs: 1. Mrs G Mollart (Surrey), N J M Blackburn (Middlesex) 1699; 2. T J Moore, Mrs P Dowdeswell (West Midlands) 1675.
Championship Teams: 1. Mr & Mrs P Chimes, Mrs P McCombie, T Towers (Wales) 154; 2. M Fletcher, B Ransley, G Horscroft, M Tan (Middlesex and Surrey) 147.
Tusker Rock: 1. Mrs H Townsend, Dr J Robbins, Mrs J Knight, A Russell (West Midlands) 148; 2. Mrs & Mrs T Hall, P Bowkley, S Gore (West Midlands and Bucks) 135.

Birthdays today

Mr John Cleese, actor and comedian, 48; Vice-Admiral Sir John Cox, director, Spastics Society, 59; Mr Paul Fox, managing director, Yorkshire Television, 62; Lord Glendyne, 61; Mr Glen Hoddle, footballer, 30; Lieutenant-General Sir Maurice Johnston, 58; Major-General H.M. Liardet, 81; Sir Wylie McKissock, neurological surgeon, 81; Sir Anthony Meyer, MP, 67; Lord Moyne, 82; Sir Frank Roberts, diplomat, 80; Mr Leonard Rosoman, mural painter, 74; Mr Harry Saltzman, film producer, 72; Professor B.E. Supple, Master, St Catharine's College, Cambridge, 57; Mr Chris Tavaré, cricketer, 33; Sir Nigel Trench, diplomat, 71; Dr A.W. Tyson, musicologist and psycho-analyst, 61.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Desiderius Erasmus, scholar, Rotterdam, 1466/69; James Cook, navigator, Marton, Yorkshire 1728; James Macpherson, poet, Ruthven, Highland, 1736; Niccolo Paganini, violinist, Genoa, 1782; Theodore Roosevelt, 26th president of the US 1901-09, New York City, 1858; Dylan Thomas, Swansea, 1914.

DEATHS: George Morland, painter, London, 1806; Lise Meitner, physicist, pioneer of nuclear fission, Cambridge, 1968.

Women of the Year

Princess Alexandra attended the Women of the Year luncheon held yesterday at the Savoy Hotel in aid of the Greater London Fund for the Blind.

Lady Georgina Coleridge, founder vice-president, presided and the other speakers were Senora Marisa Bellisario, Dr Pauline Cutting, Miss Emma Thompson and Miss Val Arnison, chairman. The Lady Mayoress of Westminster and Mrs Edna Healey and Miss Virginia Wade, vice-presidents, were present. The other guests of honour were:

Lady Charles Spencer-Churchill, Baroness Trumpington, Lady Hulton, Dame Peggy Fenner, MP, Sister Winifred Dolan, Miss Moira Stuart, Miss Caroline Charles, Miss Sophie Mirman, Miss Judy Piatkus, Miss Ruby Wax, Mrs Rosie Barnes, MP, Miss Harriet Walter, Mrs Gillian duCharme, Miss Jenny Arnold, Professor M A Boden, Mrs Elizabeth Esteve-Coll, Miss Julia McKenzie, Miss Rosslyn Emblin, Judge Nina Lowry, Miss Wendy Henry, Mrs Odette Hallowes, GC, Mrs Aicha Laida, Mrs Pat Heron, Miss Victoria Holt, Miss Sue Macgregor, Deaconess Sheila Brown, Mrs Healey-Miller, Miss Jenny Green, Miss Prue Leith, Mrs Harold Phillips, Mrs Mary Bartholomew, Mrs Rosemary Day, WPC Annette Maddick, Miss Suzi Malin, Mrs Valerie Strachan, Miss Gee Armytage and Miss Judy Leden.

Appointments

Latest appointments include:
Mr Timothy Raison, MP, to be Vice-Chairman of the Board of the British Council.

Mr P.A.B. Thomson to be British High Commissioner to Belize. He succeeds Mr J.M. Crosby.

Mr David Ingham to be chairman of the British Waterways Board.

Legal

Mr I. Collis to be joint registrar for the districts of the Corby, Coventry, Kettering, Northampton, Nuneaton, Rugby, Stratford-upon-Avon, Warwick and Wellingborough County Courts and joint district registrar in the District Registry of the High Court at Coventry and Northampton.

Mr C.E. Freeman to be joint registrar for the districts of the Manchester County Courts and joint district registrar in the District Registry of the High Court at Manchester.

Mr P.G. Hawksworth to be joint registrar for the districts of the Rotherham, Doncaster and Sheffield County Courts and joint district registrar in the District Registry of the High Court at Doncaster and Sheffield.

OBITUARY

WING CDR JIM HALLOWES

Distinguished wartime service in the air

Wing Commander Jim Hallowes, DFC, DFM, who died on October 20, at the age of 75, was a wartime pilot who was possessed of boundless skill and bravery.

He was a flier to the core. During his finest hour he was blessed with exceptionally good eyesight which enabled him to spot enemy aircraft before others in the formation did so. He was also a deadly accurate shot, and his final total of victories stood at around twenty-two.

Herbert James Lampriere Hallowes was born in Lambeth, south London, on April 17, 1912. As a boy he spent three years in the Falklands where his father was a medical officer.

In 1928, he went to Halton as an apprentice and qualified as a metal rigger three years later. Then, in 1935, he was selected for training as a pilot and, when his training was completed, was posted to No. 43 Squadron at Tangmere. He was still with them at the outbreak of war.

The squadron went to Acklington in Northumberland in November 1939, and in February of the following year Hallowes was one of three pilots who shared the first enemy aircraft to crash on English soil – a He 111, at Whitby. He then went up to Wick where, on April 8, 1940, he attacked another He 111, this time on his own.

Hallowes opened fire, but after 1½ seconds the air line to his gun button broke, putting the gun out of action. He had managed to fire only about 200 rounds, but his shooting was such that both rear gunners in the enemy aircraft were dead and the pilot was so shaken up that he did not want to fly the 300-odd miles back home across the North Sea. He crashed his machine on Wick areodrome.

On June 1, 1940, Hallowes was in action over Dunkirk, No. 43 Squadron having returned to Tangmere. On that day he destroyed three enemy aircraft over the French beach.

On June 7, the squadron was again in action over France, in the Abbéville area. While attacking a Bf 109, he was hit in the engine of his Hurricane, which stopped. He was undoing his straps and preparing to jump out when the enemy aircrat overshot him and was now in front. He immediately dropped himself back into the cockpit and opened fire. The German pilot baled out and Hallowes followed suit, both coming down in adjacent fields. For this action he was awarded the DFM.

From July until September, 1940, the squadron was again flying out of Tangmere, and during these Battle of Britain months Hallowes was credited with the destruction of another 10 or 12 enemy aircraft. In one of these combats, in a sustained dive in altitude, he suffered a severe ear injury – an injury which later prevented him taking up a post as a test pilot with Hawker Aircraft.

It was by now clear that he was a born leader of men. He was awarded a Bar to his DFM, and was commissioned on September 18, 1940. Thereafter, he flew mainly Spitfires, from Hornchurch and other airfields, with 165 and 222 squadrons, one of which he commanded. He was later awarded the DFC.

By 1944 he was station commander at Dunsfold, near Guildford, to where many of the casualties from the Normandy beachheads were brought.

After the war Hallowes was given a permanent commission in the Secretarial Branch, where he served until his retirement in July, 1956, with the rank of wing commander. He was then with the Ministry of Transport for several years, and he eventually made his home at Farnham, Surrey. He died while on an extended holiday in Tenerife.

Jim Hallowes was a shy and retiring man. His aircraft letter was "U", and during his RAF days he was affectionately known to his colleagues as "uncle", his call sign. In recent years he had struck up a friendship with Julius Neumann, a German pilot whom he had shot down over the Isle of Wight in the late summer of 1940.

He is survived by his wife, Eve, and by their son and daughter.

MR FRANK BAINES

Mr Frank Baines, writer, traveller, soldier, and navvy, died suddenly on October 22. He was 72.

He was born in a glum street in Clapham, south London, on September 24, 1915, the son of Sir Francis Baines, KCVO, architect and director of the Office of Works. One of his father's earliest acts in the latter post was to ascend the Nelson Monument in Trafalgar Square to ascertain that the work thereon for which the country was paying had been satisfactorily carried out.

The young Frank grew up on his father's southern Cornish estate and he began to be educated at Oundle School, but, by his own recollection, he ran away. His childhood he captured vividly and often amusingly in the first of his three "imaginative" autobiographies – *Look Towards the Sea* (1958).

Some time, in the middle 1930s, he sailed as an apprentice on one of Gustav Erikson's four-masted Finnish barques, *Lawhill*, Australia bound. These experiences he chronicled in *In Deep* (1959), an account of his four months from joining the ship in London to his participation in the violent drunken fights in an Australian port that preceded their return. It is a vivid and compelling tale; the style is lyrical and the language rich.

By way of a complete change he settled, it seems, as a Conservative Party agent in Wimbledon. War put an end to that, and after a spell as a gunner in an anti-aircraft battery in East Anglia, he departed for India where he spent the next fourteen years of his life.

His active service on the sub-continent, which included a spell with Orde Wingate's Chindits, was later distilled into *Officer Boy* (1971). But the life of a Chindit so exhausted Baines that, after the war, he became a monk in a Hindu monastery in the Himalayas where he spent the next three years recovering.

Later, in Calcutta, he ran a successful tea chest repairing business; worked for the *Calcutta Statesman*; and dabbled at being a "gossip culumnist". It was at this time that he was encouraged to turn his hand to writing. He returned to this country to be near his mother, and there emerged, in 1958, his first literary offering, *Look Towards the Sea*.

At this time he was working as a navvy, digging a hole at the end of the Continental platform at Victoria Station.

His third book, *Culture of Bacillus*, was published in 1962: dying nonagenarian chatelaine and pallid 12-year-old heir saved from rapacious aunt by the intervention of the servants below stairs. Depending on one's inclinations, he was either an author of "extraordinary talent" or the architect of a book which "read like ill-digested *Roget*".

He returned to more obvious autobiography, with *Officer Boy* in 1971, the publication of which he celebrated from within Brixton Prison (he had cropped his own hair in preparation), having been gaoled for three months for refusing to pay his National Insurance contributions.

Just before his incarceration he had been hired to play a roisterer by the Italian movie director Pasolini who was filming part of his *Canterbury Tales* at Baines' home village, Coggeshall.

The travel bug was still with him, however, and he spent several years in Italy. At the age of 65, he also returned to India, this time on his bicycle.

He ran an antiques business specializing in Chinese and Oriental works in Coggeshall – a village which, in his final years, he lorded over with wit, zest and an utter disregard for convention.

MR JOHN PRICE

Mr John Price, actor, who died on October 23, at the age of 44, had packed an extraordinary amount into a relatively short space: as a classical player for the major companies, and in the provinces; appearances at the Royal Court, the Riverside, and on Shaftesbury Avenue; and work in many television plays and series.

Physically, he was impressive, as commanding in height as in voice. One of his recent parts was Hotspur, by whose light "did all the chivalry of England move," in the Bogdanov production of *Henry IV, Part I*, for the English Shakespeare Company which came to the Old Vic last spring.

Price was born at Worcester on January 27, 1943. He trained as a teacher. His acting career began in 1967 by his touring schools in Shakespeare, and at Great Yarmouth enduring the grind of summer-season.

He went at various periods to more satisfying repertory at Harrogate, Chesterfield, Sheffield, Birmingham, and Nottingham (where, in 1978, he acted Macbeth). He had played at the Royal Court, London (1971), as Moore, the reserve in David Storey's *The Changing Room*, set in a rugby league dressing room during a game; and at the Globe (1979) he was Brian in Alan Ayckbourn's tennis court piece, *Joking Apart*.

Under Peter Gill's direction at the Riverside Studios, Hammersmith, he played such parts as Alsemero in Middleton and Rowley's *The Changeling* (1978) and a theatrically compelling Antony in *Julius Caesar* (1980). He was, too, the Orsino of Gill's RSC *Twelfth Night*; and appeared in the National Theatre's *Don Juan* (1980), and in a consistently expert performance (Lyric, Hammersmith) of Tony Last for Shared Experience's treatment of Evelyn Waugh's *A Handful of Dust*; and he directed *Twelfth Night* at the Lyric, Belfast.

During 1983, again for Shared Experience, he had various parts at the Lyric, Hammersmith, in *The Comedy Without a Title* and *Scenes of Italian Peasant Life*, by Ruzante. Earlier this year he played both Hotspur and Pistol in the Old Vic trio of Shakespearean chronicles.

Among Price's television series were the award-winning *Sam*; *Out of Bounds*, and *Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm*; and such single plays as *Destiny* and *Rumpole's Return*. His films included *It Shouldn't Happen to a Vet* and *Remembrance*.

MONSIGNOR ANTONIO AÑOVEROS

Mgr Antonio Añoveros, who died on October 24, was, as the Bishop of Bilbao, the man at the centre of a crisis in Spanish church/state relations in 1974.

Añoveros had gone to Bilbao from Cadiz-Cueta where he was already known for his progressive social policy. In Cadiz, he kept to himself only two rooms of the episcopal palace so that the ground to the rear could be used to built workers' flats.

Ironically, he was not warmly welcomed as the new prelate of Bilbao on his arrival in 1972. His appointment was fiercely criticized by many Basque priests on the grounds that he did not speak the language of the region.

However, on February 24, 1974, Añoveros' concern for his flock emerged in the form of a pastoral letter which he had read out in all the Basque churches. In this, he called for wider freedom for the region's people in the running of their affairs.

The response of the Franco régime was swift. Añoveros was accused of making "a very grave attack against Spanish national unity" and was ordered to leave the country. A Spanish airforce jet was waiting at Bilbao's Sondica airport to fly him into exile, but the bishop refused to budge without direct instructions from Pope Paul VI. He was placed under house arrest along with his Vicar-General, Father José Angel Ubieta.

Franco, through diplomatic channels, called on the Pope to arrange for Spain's bishops to issue a joint statement confirming their dedication to national unity and their respect for civil authorities.

The Spanish Episcopal Council, however, praised Añoveros' good intentions, reminded the government that it was up to the Holy See to judge the pastoral actions of its bishops, and said that if the government considered that the bishop had broken some law, it should proceed through legal channels.

One week later, Añoveros began a vacation and the controlled Press did not mention him. Less than one month later, however, he was back in his diocese, and the authorities had, on the face of it, been forced tacitly to admit at least a temporary defeat.

In any case, the already fragile special relationship between Madrid and the Vatican appeared to be at an end.

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BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS

But the Lord is my defence: and my God is the rock of my refuge.
Psalm 94 : 22

BIRTHS

BANGHAM - On October 23, to Beth (née Baker) and Humphrey, a son, Charles Stafford.

BLUETT - On October 21st, to Anne (née Rice) and Michael, a daughter, Alyssa, a sister for Rosanna.

BREESON - On October 22nd, to Sue and Tony, a son, Thomas William, a brother for Lindsay and Richard.

CORCOS - On October 13, at the Royal Free Hospital, London, to Alison (née Spence) and Edward, a son, Alexander Frederick.

DAVIS - On October 22nd in Queen Mary's Hospital, London, to Angela (née Lett) and Keith a son, Mark Stanley, a brother for Paul.

DONALDSON - On October 14th, at Glangwili, Carmarthen, to Biddy and Robert, a son, William Rhys, a brother to Jennifer Linda.

FROBISHER - On October 20th, to Kathleen and Ray, a son, James George Thomas, a brother for Martin and Louise.

GOLDIE - On October 22nd, at Lindo wing, St Mary's Paddington, to Sue and Ian, a son, Daniel Scott, a brother for Stuart.

IRVINE - On October 7th, to Sarah and Simon, a daughter, Josephine, a sister for Johanna and Julia.

KELLY - On October 24th at St Thomas's, to Miranda and Dominic, another daughter Selina. A sister for Sabine and Alice.

LAWSON-CRUTTENDEN - On September 21 1987, at Kings College Hospital, to Lorna (née Innes) and Timothy, a daughter, Venetia Helene.

MACKWORTH-YOUNG - On October 23, to Iona (née Lindsay) and Charles, a daughter, Rose Bettina Natalie.

ORHAN - On October 23rd, to Bilgin and Mary (née Bailey) a son, Bener James with grateful thanks to the staff at GDH for their skill and kindness.

PARRY - CROOKE - On October 24th, in New Zealand, to Vivienne and John, a son, Michael John.

REE - On October 24th, at the Royal Berkshire Hospital to Anne (née Davis) and Jeremy, a daughter Sophie Laetitia Frances, a sister for Simon and Melissa.

TWISTON-DAVIES - On October 22nd, to Caroline (née Harbord-Hamond) and Audley a daughter.

WILDING - On October 15th, to Joanna and Timothy, a daughter, Lucy Elizabeth, a sister for Alexander.

WATNEY - On October 21st 1987, to Miranda (née Fontaine) and Rodney, a son, Hugo Arthur.

DEATHS

BARTHOLOMEW - On October 23rd 1987, suddenly in Edinburgh, Peter Hugh Bartholomew M.C., C.A., 7A Blacket Place, Edinburgh. Beloved husband of Sheila and loving father of Iain and Hugh, and a dear grandfather. Service at Mortonhall Crematorium, Main Chapel on Wednesday, October 28th at 1.00pm, to which all friends are invited. No flowers by request.

BEDALE - On the October 23rd, peacefully, Joan Helena formerly of Heatherley School Inverness. Private cremation followed by burial at Effingham. No flowers please but donations may be sent to Christian Aid PO Box 1, London SW9.

BRYNTESON - On October 22nd, Eric Bernhard Gustav. Cremation at Tunbridge Wells Crematorium at 12.30pm on Wednesday November 4th. Enquiries and flowers to: W & F Groombridge, Tel: Tunbridge Wells 32510.

CHADWICK - On October 25th, peacefully Enid Margaret of Walsingham. Funeral Service on Wednesday October 28th at 11.30am at the Shrine of Our Lady, Walsingham, Norfolk.

EMERTON - On October 22nd, peacefully in hospital, Vera Bishop aged 87, much loved by so many. Funeral at Randall's Crematorium, Randall's road, Leatherhead, on Thursday 29th October at 2.30pm. No mourning and no flowers at her special request.

GENOWER - On October 16th, at Manormead Nursing Home, Hindhead, Doris Edith Mary, aged 87, beloved wife of Reverend Arthur Genower.

GIBB - On October 26th 1987 at Mary Tavy, Devon, after many years of ill health borne without complaint, Peter Evan, aged 60. Much loved brother and uncle. Funeral private.

INNES - On October 22nd, in hospital, Alison Margaret aged 73. Elder daughter of the late Mr and Mrs R. F. Innes of Watford. Lifelong and much loved member of the White Eagle Lodge, Newlands, Rake, Hants. Funeral Service Guildford crematorium on tuesday November 3rd at 12 noon. Family flowers only, donations if desired to west Sussex Macmillan Service, King Edward V11 Hospital Midhurst, West Sussex.

JUPP - On October 23rd, peacefully, Molly (Marion Frances Audrey Birch born 1900) of Raleigh Road, Exmouth, loving and greatly loved.

MARKS - On October 21st, at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London, Crysdale Stacy (Dale) aged 66 of Stanmore, Middlesex. Husband of Jean, father of Paul, grandfather of Anna. Funeral service at St. William of York Church, Du Cros Drive, Stanmore at 10.00 am on Friday, October 30th followed by cremation at Golders Green Crematorium, Bedford Chapel, at 11.10. Family flowers only, donations to St. Bartholomew's Heritage Appeal.

MOORE - Megan (see Saxby).

REINDORP - On October 25th 1987, Dr Alix Reindorp, loving and loved wife, mother and grandmother.

SADLER - On October 24th 1987, suddenly at home, Dr Donald H Sadler O.B.E., M.A. Former Superintendent of H.M. Nautical Almanac and one time General Secretary of the International Astronomical Union. Beloved husband of Flora and a dearly loved brother and uncle. Cremation Eastbourne, Monday November 2nd at 12 noon. Family flowers only, donations if desired to Wings Appeal c/o Mummery FD, 31 Devonshire Road, Bexhill-on-Sea.

SAXBY - On October 23rd, 1987, Megan peacefully at home, The Post House, Ryme Intrinseca, Sherborne, wife of the Reverend Harold and mother of Malcolm and Wendy Moore. Funeral at Ryme Parish Church on Friday October 30th at 2.30pm. Family flowers only. Donations please to R.N.L.I. Central London, 202 Lambeth Road SE1.

SHEARER - On October 26th 1987, peacefully after a short illness in Winchester, Dr Helen Margaret (née Lennon), of Dounby, Orkney. Dearly beloved wife of Ernest, mother of Sandy, Elsa & Charles, mother-in-law of David and grandmother of Alison, James and Katy, sadly missed.

SMITH - On October 24th 1987, peacefully in her sleep at dawn, Wenda Parkinson, wife of Ronald William Parkinson Smith. Much loved mother of Simon, sister of Norah, aunt of Caroline, and devoted grandmother of Jake. Funeral service will take place at Surrey and Sussex Crematorium, at 12.30 pm on Thursday October 29th 1987. No flowers by request.

STEWART - On October 26th 1987, peacefully at King Edward VII Hospital London, Cynthia (née FARMILOE), dearest wife of Sir Ronald Stewart Bt. Service Golders Green Crematorium Thursday 29th October 1pm. Family only. Flowers and enquiries to J.H. Kenyon Ltd., 01 723 3277 or donations to Greater London Fund for the Blind. Service of Thanksgiving to be announced.

SYKES - On October 19th 1987, in his sleep at home, John, 69 years old. Funeral Service Friday October 30th at 2.00pm at The Friends Meeting House, Jordans, Near Beaconsfield, Bucks. A Memorial Service will be announced later. Flowers and enquiries please to J H Kenyon Ltd, 49 Marloes Road, London W8. Telephone 01 937 0757

TEGETMEIER - On October 26th, suddenly but peacefully at Park Avenue, Watford, Lilian Elsa, aged 89 years. Loved by her many relatives and friends. Enquiries to Douglas Lindley, tel: 0895 637740

THORPE - On October 23rd, suddenly after a short illness, Bernard, aged 92 years. Adored husband of Philomena, loved brother of Constance, father of Mary and Richard, grandfather of Anne, Francis, Malin and great grandfather of Nicholas, Geoffrey, Hilary and Richard. Family funeral only. Arrangements for a memorial service will follow. Donations, if desired, to Lavinia, Norfolk House for Spastics, 17 Seldon Road, Worthing, Sussex.

WARD - On October 23rd, in her 84th year, Julia (née Holzapfel) of Chailly-sur-Montreux. Peacefully in London. Funeral at Putney Vale crematorium on October 29th at 3.45.p.m. Donations in lieu of flowers preferred to The International Council for Bird Preservation 219c Huntingdon Road, Cambridge.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

HOLMES SELLORS - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Sir Thomas Holmes Sellors, F.R.C.S., will be held at St. Clement Danes, Strand, at 12 noon on Wednesday 2nd December 1987.

Science report

Using bacteria to mine gold

By Beatrice Lacoste

French scientists at the Bureau for Geological and Mining Research, BRGM, have been investigating the mining of gold with bacteria.

The process, which is also being being explored in Britain and the United States, is an extension of work on a technology: using bacteria to feed on slurries of mineral ores containing copper or uranium.

However, the idea in gold mining is to employ the bacteria to remove unwanted minerals, thereby exposing the gold for easier recovery.

According to the French scientists, it is a cost effective process compared with usual mineral extraction technologies. The micro-organisms need only a little oxygen as a source of energy as they feed on the ores.

Processes involving micro-organisms are used today to obtain about 10 per cent of the copper mined in the United States. At Bingham Canyon in Utah, 200 tonnes of copper are recovered each day using this method.

During the past two years scientists at the BRGM have been testing in the laboratory a rod shaped bacterium that feeds on sulphur, *thiobacillus*. They want to use this organism to mine deep deposits of gold in which gold nuggets are surrounded by a "gangue" of sulphites and arsenic.

Dr Pierre Olliver, of the BRGM, said: "It is necessary to remove this superficial layer to recover the gold . Today the method most widely in use involves burning the sulphites but this process releases arsenic and sulphur dioxide. These two compounds have little commerical value but they must be recovered in order to avoid polluting the atmosphere."

The *thiobacillus* can efficiently breakdown the gangue surrounding the grains of gold. He said: "Only bacteria adapted to living in surroundings with a high level of iron and arsenic can be used. Compared to the process of burning we found that *thiobacillus* increase the amount of gold recovered by 30 per cent."

Geobiologists find only one fault with these tireless bacteria. They are very slow. Researchers must first of all find out more about the genetics and the ecology of these mining bacteria: how they use oxygen to break down iron and sulphur and how they tolerate their mineral environment.

In Canada and the United States, bio-engineers are trying to produce "super bacteria" that will recover gold more quickly and which will resist high temperatures (100 degrees Centigrade can be reached in the centre of a heap of ore).

Cranwell graduations

Air Vice-Marshal A.L. Roberts was the reviewing officer when 114 officers graduated from RAF College Cranwell.

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Church news

The Queen has made the following appointments to her household:

Domestic Chaplain: Canon G.R. Hall, Rector of the Sandringham Group of Parishes, in succession to Canon J.G.M.W. Murphy.

Chaplains: The Rev R.S. Clarke, Chaplain, Royal Hampshire County Hospital, in succession to Canon S. Hoffman, retired. Canon C.J. Hill, the Archbishop of Canterbury's Secretary for Ecumenical Affairs, in succession to Canon J. Smith Robertson.

Other appointments

The Rev Peter Barnett, Assistant Curate, New Bury, Farnworth, St James, diocese of Manchester: to be Team Vicar, same parish, same diocese.

The Rev Percy Cox, retired: to be Priest-in-charge, Oare with Culbone, diocese of Bath and Wells.

The Rev Stephen Cox, Team Vicar in the Hackney Marsh Team Ministry, diocese of London: to be Vicar, St Mary Magdalene with St James, Holloway Road, same diocese.

The Rev John Ellison, Rector, Aldridge, Walsall, diocese of Lichfield: to be Bishop of Paraguay, South America.

The Rev Robert C Evans: to be Chaplain of Robinson College, Cambridge, diocese of Ely.

The Rev Simon Evans, Senior Curate, St Peter and St Paul, Wantage, diocese of Oxford: to be Rector, St Alban, West Leigh, Havant, diocese of Portsmouth.

The Rev Lawrence Featham, Assistant Curate, Bolton-le-Moors, St Peter, diocese of Manchester: to be Team Vicar, Coldhurst, Holy Trinity (in the parish of Oldham), same diocese.

The Rev Christopher Halliday, Assistant Curate, Davyhulme, St Mary, diocese of Manchester: to be Deacon, Wakefield Cathedral, diocese of Wakefield.

The Rev William Lark, Vicar, Prittlewell, diocese of Chelmsford: to be Vicar, Dawlish and Holcombe, diocese of Exeter.

The Rev Nicholas Holtam, Tutor at Lincoln Theological College, diocese of Lincoln: to be Vicar, the Church of Christ and St John, Manchester Road, with St Luke, Isle of Dogs, diocese of London.

The Rev William McCabe, Assistant Priest, South Hayling with North Hayling, and Tutor, Portsmouth Diocesan Ministerial and Lay Training Scheme, diocese of Portsmouth: to be Vicar, St John's, Mickleover, diocese of Derby.

The Rev John Peirce, Director of Ordinands and Post Ordination Training, diocese of Oxford: to be also Residentiary Canon of Christ Church, same diocese.

The Rev John Minns, Vicar, Halliwell, St Paul, diocese of Manchester: to be Assistant Minister, Halliwell, St Peter, same diocese.

Today's royal engagements

The Prince of Wales, President of the International Council of United World Colleges, will visit Atlantic College, Llantwit Major, South Glamorgan, at 1.00, on the occasion of its twenty-fifth anniversary.

The Princess of Wales, Patron of Birthright, will attend a Birthright gala evening at Garrard, 112 Regent Street, at 8.10.

The Princess Royal will open the new Research Centre and Renal Unit at the Royal Manchester Children's Hospital, Greater Manchester, at 1.30; and will present prizes to students of Cordwainers' Technical College at the college's centenary prizegriving at Guildhall at 6.55.

The Duchess of Gloucester, President of National Children's Home, will attend a service of intercession for the "Children in Danger" campaign in St Paul's Cathedral at 11.30.

Princess Alexandra will open the exhibition "Diego Rivera – A Retrospective" at the Hayward Gallery at 6.00; and will attend a reception given by the Palace of Westminster All-Party Ladies Committee in aid of the Westminster Medical School Research Trust, at Tower Bridge, at 7.15.

Luncheons

New Zealand-United Kingdom Chamber of Commerce and Industry

The Princess Royal was the guest of honour and speaker at luncheon given yesterday at the Inn on the Park Hotel by the New Zealand-United Kingdom Chamber of Commerce and Industry. Lord Denman, president, and Mr N.R. Jones, chairman, received the guests. Among those present were:

The High Commissioner for New Zealand, the Deputy High Commissioner for Australia, the Agent-General for New South Wales, the Agent-General for Queensland, the Chairman of the Australia and New Zealand Trade Advisory Committee and the Chairman of the Australian British Chamber of Commerce (UK).

Ministry of Defence

Admiral of the Fleet Sir John Fieldhouse, Chief of the Defence Staff, was host at a luncheon held yesterday at Admiralty House in honour of Admiral William J. Crowe, Jr, USN, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Judge retires

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TELEVISION

Through a rose tinted camera

Pluralism is a system of thought which recognizes more than one ultimate principle; it is also one of the more enduring intellectual legacies of the 1970s. Everyone shall have her or his say.

Channel 4 under Jeremy Isaacs has thrived on providing a forum for "alternative" points of view – here a beard, there a dungaree, everywhere the shadow of a graduate thesis – and richly comic have been the results. The new series of *The Eleventh Hour* is subtitled The People's Flag, and last night's opener was sub-subtitled The First Betrayal. This purported to be an historical account of the British working class from 1914 to 1931. In practice it was a tepid bath of received ideas which began with stirring footage of homecoming Falklands veterans and proceeded to lament the Labour movement's espousal of imperialism. In the tones of a vastly out-of-date school report it was noted that the working class "paid a terrible price" during the First World War – as if their numerical superiority implied the moral kind as well. The strike of Russia-bound troops at Dover in 1919 was then adduced as a tin-pot triumph for workers' solidarity, when the more likely explanation was that after four years they were simply fed up. The following decade saw an epic struggle for the hearts and minds of the proletariat culminating in the "treachery" of the National Government which implemented pay cuts.

These events were presented through the hoary reminiscences of aged bolshies who collectively bemoaned the failure of Marxist-Leninism to make a substantial impact on the right wing of the Labour Party. The point about such people is that, having no political power, they are obliged to devote their energies to the schismatic mentality that was formerly the preserve of religious sects. Curiously enough, the gentleman in whose company I watched this fascinating drivel opined that the programme pushed the official Communist Party line. In the interests of pluralism, can we now look forward to Channel 4 offering air time to fascists?

Martin Cropper

● Howard Davies, in his first production for the National Theatre, is to direct Tennessee Williams's *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof*, opening in the Lyttelton on February 3 (with previews from January 25).

Portrait of the artist as a Grand Old Man

John Russell Taylor reviews the official biography of Henry Moore, which is to be published this week

Henry Moore in later life was a casting director's dream for the role of Grand Old Man. The shock of white hair and the weathered features, allied with a remarkable faculty for saying the right simple but profound things about art and life, all matched perfectly the art itself, with its broad humanitarian themes of the mother and child, the recumbent female figure, the fallen warriors, the bones and stones that seemed like natural extensions of the man-moulded landscape.

Before he was a Grand Old Man he was an upstanding middle-aged man, before that a young man of incandescent talent with a light of dedication in his eye. As far as we knew he was also a model husband and father, a truly great human being.

The appearance of a very substantial new biography (465 pages), even an authorized one, is bound to produce a little trepidation. Is our idol of so many years about to exhibit feet of clay?

The first achievement of Roger Berthoud's massive book is that it manages to humanize Moore without dramatically destroying our illusions. It is true that in the last years of Moore's life there had been more and more insistent rumblings about the factory side of his practice as a professional sculptor, with the automatic editioning of almost anything he did in at least three sizes (he who had said once that every sculpture must have its one right size), with giant versions to special commission only. As he got older and feebler he supervised less and less closely, and relied almost entirely on the judgement of his (admittedly very reliable and loyal) staff. All the later carvings were made by assistants, who sometimes used stone to reproduce markings which had their meaning and necessity only in terms of cast bronze.

The Life of Henry Moore makes no secret of all this – indeed, gives chapter and verse. But then, why not? After all, it seems probable that Rodin never actually himself laid chisel to stone in the whole of his career, and the employment of assistants in sculpture, as in all large-scale arts, is a long and respectable tradition. It may be that those who feel doubts face-to-face with some of the later Moores are responding not so much to a lessening of his personal touch as to a lessening of the basic inspiration behind it. Also, as the book makes clear, Moore had spent long enough in the wilderness for a certain relish in grasping the commercial possibilities to be more than understandable once he had passed his fiftieth birthday and become an international legend.

It is true that Moore does not emerge as a model of generosity to his sculptural predecessors, rivals and juniors. He praised Epstein, but significantly only for the area of his work (the portrait busts) in which there was no direct comparison possible. Though he is revealed to have had a little flirtation with [illegible]

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Reminders of the Reich

GALLERIES

The Terrible Year: 1937
Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art

Enzo Cucchi: Testa
The Fruitmarket Gallery, Edinburgh

Arturo di Stefano
Richard Pomeroy Gallery

Fifty years ago Hitler flaunted his dislike of modern art by organizing the *Degenerate "Art"* exhibition. Held in Munich between July 19 and November 30 1937, it attracted more than two million people before touring several other cities of the Third Reich. Most came to join in Hitler's derision of the intentionally badly shown Expressionists. The exhibits were culled from the 17,000 to 24,000 works of art removed from German museums under Nazi orders. If bought during the spiralling inflation of the 1920s, they were displayed with their price tags. The Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art is the only British museum to remind us of this cultural holocaust. It has built a small exhibition (on until December 6) around Ernst Barlach's sculpture of a tragic peasant woman finished in 1936 but retrospectively entitled *The Terrible Year: 1937*.

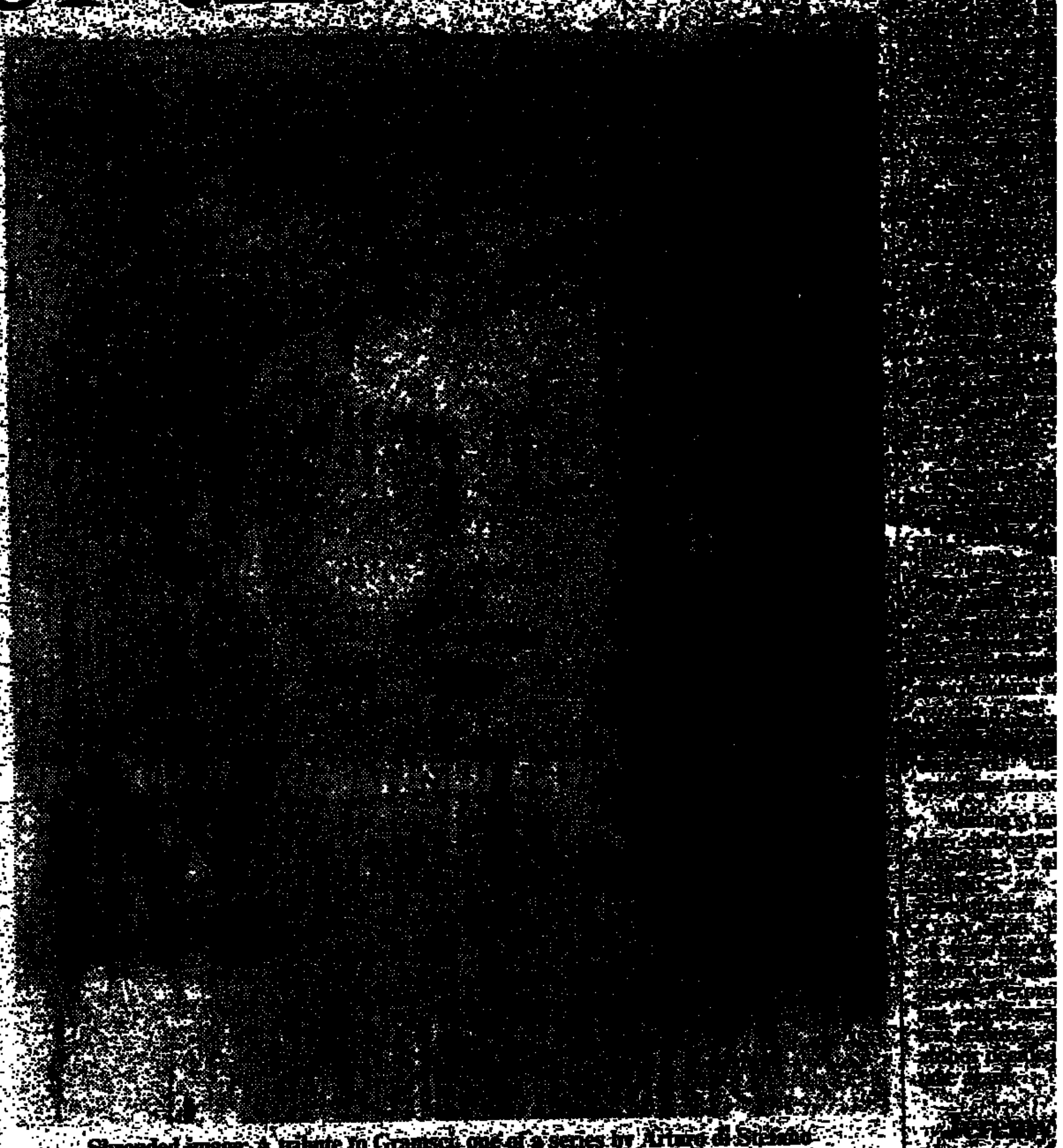
Four major works form the focus of the exhibition to commemorate 1937. None of them were exhibited in the *Degenerate "Art"* show, but all reveal the bleak situation in Europe. Nearly life-size, Barlach's peasant is carved from one trunk of oak. Her features are flattened, there is virtually no sign of her arms or indeed of any resistance to the vertical; she is a totem of despair. Kokoschka's *Portrait of a "Degenerate Artist"* was a direct response to the exhibition. The defiant artist stares out of the canvas, whilst in the background there is the expelled Adam fleeing from the Garden. Kokoschka had left his native Austria years before and was soon to leave the temporary haven of Czechoslovakia. Magritte's *The Black Flag* and Burra's *The Watcher* with their commentary on the war in Spain give another view of the encroaching shadow of fascism.

The relationship between state and artist is invariably a fragile one, yet the Scottish exhibition is at pains to point out that even the Nazi's policies on art were not as clear cut as publicly portrayed. Both Goebbels and Goering collected Expressionist Art until expressedly forbidden by Hitler himself. Indeed there had been an energetic campaign within the Nazi party to establish artists like Nolde and Barlach as the true heirs of the German tradition.

Painting has never flourished in this country as it does today. To join the original *School of London* there is a young generation of great artists emerging. Arturo di Stefano is one of them. His exhibition at the Richard Pomeroy Gallery (Jacob Street Studios, Mill Street, London SE1, until November 21 and then at the Woodlands Gallery from December 5 until January 12) shows two series effected by two recent events. Two years ago he was looking for a way to pay tribute to writers he admires. There was little point in painting portraits of them; he wanted to evoke their writing, to paint his image of them. A scholarship to Turin supplied the answer. Sudaria shroud his figures; the canvases are treated as though they are sweat sheets, and the aura of the writers appears to hover on the other side of the cloth.

Enzo Cucchi: Testa is Cucchi's first one-man museum exhibition in Britain at the Fruitmarket (until November 21) and is a disappointment. There is the same excitement in the experimentation with materials of the 1984 Anthony d'Offay show, but he has lost a sense of direction. *Untitled (Vista Roma 1)* is dramatic. The mixture of materials from tempera to Araldite and inserted lights does add interest to a sweeping view of Rome. Printed feet interact with the sky, but when one foot pricks itself on St Peter's dome the grandeur is deflated and transformed into flippancy. His old explosive surfaces are missing. There are too many jokes in Enzo Cucchi's head

Alistair Hicks



Shrouded image: A tribute to Gramsci, one of a series by Arturo di Stefano

Henry deserves a resounding hooray

RADIO

There were few enclaves last week where no storms – financial nor meteorological – had struck, but one of them was After Henry (Radio 4, Tuesday repeating Thursday).

Simon Brett's delightful domestic comedy is more than halfway through its third series and I can see no reason why it should not return for a fourth or even a fifth. What gives it such appeal is the author's affectionate yet penetrating observation of the four regular characters; the skill with which, on the ground base of the series' situation (widow wrestles with trials of widowhood), he plays variations on their relationships from week to week; and the marvellous shaping of the dialogue.

I have only once heard *After Henry* fall into serious misjudgment, when we were led to believe that first Sarah's father and then the blessed Henry himself had been secretly tucking in to pornographic magazines. While Ambridge could easily have absorbed such a discovery about one of its inhabitants, in Sarah's flat the deep water was quickly up to the armpits and it took some pretty creaky contriving on the author's part to pump it out.

The best of Peter Evans's **About Face** (Radio 4, last three Wednesdays) happened in the first programme which raised a string of interesting topics in perception and attitudes. When people speak, we learned, it's what their mouths appear to say that onlookers heard, even if the sound is gobbledigook. Or again, in a woman – much less in a man – really good looks may in fact reduce the chances of landing a job. What marred this programme was the intrusion of song snippets in which the word "face" happened to figure, but which otherwise contributed nothing.

Bookshelf (Radio 4 Thursday and Sunday) has a new presenter, Nigel Forde, but, in common with the new-style *Down Your Way*, it has no signature tune, not even an old one. I miss it and Mr Forde's attempt to fill the gap the other week was certainly no substitute. I have often admired his gift for impromptu rhymes and jokes on *Midweek*, but the same relaxed tone brought to this programme sounds deficient after Susan Hill's professional, knowledgeable enthusiasm.

David Wade

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In this, the fourth instalment of the festival which marks the London celebrations of Rostropovich's 60th birthday, the master played the work with all the intensity and technical mastery we expect of him.

Both Rostropovich and the London Symphony Orchestra, under Michael Tilson Thomas, adjusted well to the ardent passions of Brahms's Double Concerto, but the violinist here, Anne-Sophie Mutter, seemed to stand apart.

In the afternoon concert, Vladimir Ashkenazy conducted the in-form Royal Philharmonic Orchestra in a suitably full-blown performance of Strauss's *Also Sprach Zarathustra*.

The overture and concerto, however, were different this time. In Tchaikovsky's *Romeo and Juliet* overture Ashkenazy cunningly held the emotions in check for as long as possible, so that they could unleash themselves with their fullest might, while in Prokofiev's Third Piano Concerto Barry Douglas sought, and secured, depths from the score as well as brilliance.

Stephen Pettitt

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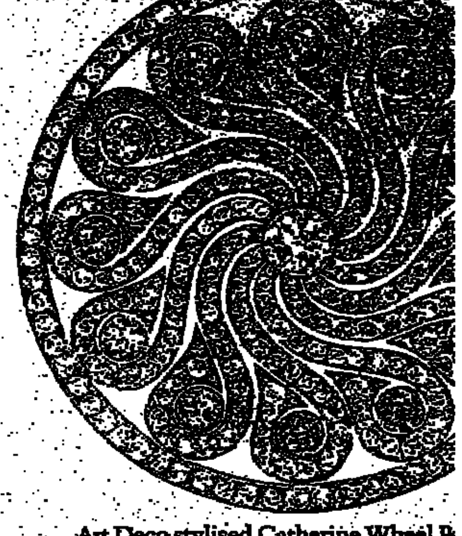

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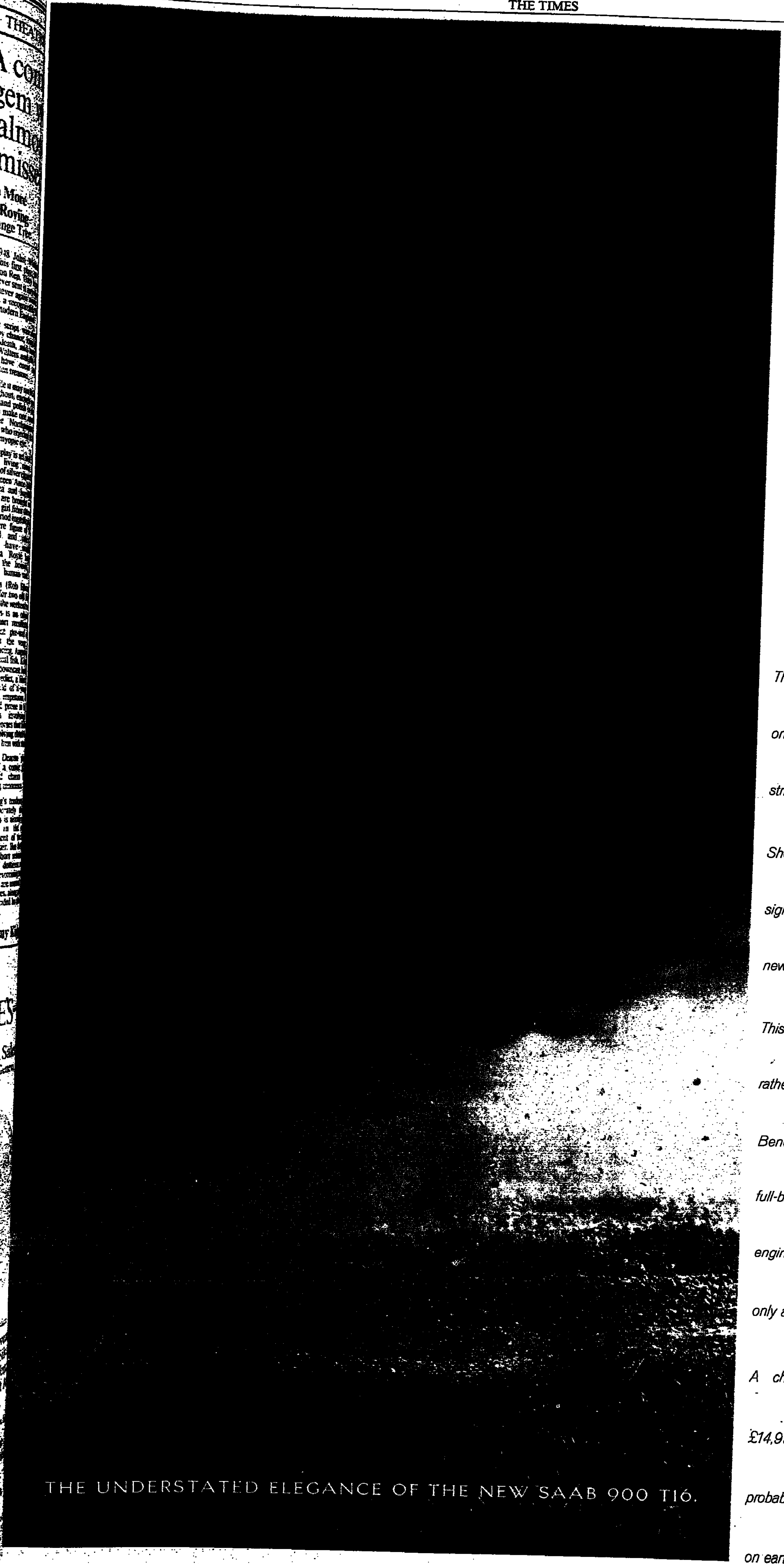

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A stretch towards perfection

Jersey is a fabric that appeals to all the senses — a new bridge spanning old boundaries

Designers are unable to resist the pull of it. Women are surrendering themselves happily to it. "It" stands for sex appeal in the fluid form of a fabric that is dramatically reshaping fashion's curves. It is lovable, stretchable, huggable jersey.

Designers have been exploring jersey's possibilities and technological advances in the textile industry have made it perform in new ways. A little Lycra knitted into wool or cotton means jersey keeps its shape and can be stretched and seamed more flamboyantly around the body.

It was Coco Chanel who pioneered what was looked on merely as the stuff of men's underwear as a fashion possibility in the 1920s. Using jersey, she introduced women to the comforts of sweater-dressing.

It is no coincidence that women designers have made the most significant design contributions in jersey. Sonia Rykiel revolutionized modern fashion with her use of jersey, unhemmed and with edges simply whipped around with overlocking for added fluidity and comfort.

Our own Jean Muir is most easily identified by the womanly cut of her silky jersey dresses, in demand on both sides of the Atlantic. New Yorker Donna Karan landed recently on the fashion scene with the purity of her stretchy knit separates. based on her most famous invention of all: the body, in sleek, streamlining jersey.

Jersey is a fabric that appeals to all the senses. It has the cosy appeal of a favourite sweater that you might instinctively reach for and yet has the acceptable good looks of a dressier fabric. It crosses all those fashion boundaries between "casual" and "smart". It works on both counts. And it packs flat, shakes out looking unrumpled, and any wrinkles it may display are the ones you impose as you drape, twist and tie it into a fashionable style.

Nicole Farhi is a French-born designer known for her understated chic, recognizable in her own label collection as well as the less expensive French Connection line. Her new relaxation is sculpture, and her awareness of shapes and the body comes through in her designs. "I love working with jersey in different weights, the heavier for fitted jackets and jodhpurs; the softer, sexier jersey for skirts and draped tops," she says.

Even Ralph Lauren, whose tailored style might seem to limit him to cavalry twill and tweed, created the Prince of Wales jersey suit this winter and, as well as his famous sweaters, provides the alternative of close-to-the-body tops in finer cashmere jersey.

For each of the past six winters, Yves Saint-Laurent has polished his jersey tunic, reshaping it with a wider neckline possibly, softening the shoulder line, belting it or narrowing it for a longer, more streamlined look. In 1988, the jersey tunic comes in brighter shades and is worn belted over a snappy little leather skirt.

Joe Casely-Hayford works in a heavy 260 gram suit-weight wool jersey for his more tailored cut, an off-the-shoulder jacket and the tie-front style photographed here, as well as wide-legged pants and tapered trousers. "Jersey is essential for movement. It allows you to cut for comfort," he says. And for good looks, he might have added.

Far left: Tailored double jersey jacket, knotted at the front, £207; tapered double jersey trousers, £99, both in grey or bottle green pure wool, Joe Casely-Hayford from Jones, 13 Floral Street, WC2 and 71 Kings Road SW3; Way In at Harrods, Knightsbridge, SWI; 23 Brompton Arcade, SW1; The Works, Leicester; Ichi-Ni-San, Glasgow. Amber beads, £207, Talisman Gallery, Grays Antique Market, 58 Davies Street, WI

Centre: Cross-over long-sleeved bodysuit, £69.95; wrap skirt, £79.95; both in charcoal wool jersey; also in beige, navy, black; Nicole Farhi, 193 Sloane Street, SWI; 27 Hampstead High Street, NW3; 37 James Street, Harrogate; Harvey Nichols, Knightsbridge, SW1. Brown suede sling-back shoes, Robert Clergerie, £125, also in black, from Midas, 27a Sloane Square, SWI

Above: Wrap-around top in baby blue wool jersey, £85, also in taupe, lilac or black; calf-length wool jersey dress underneath, £149, taupe or black; both Plein Sud from Midas, 27a Sloane Square SWI

Hair: Peter Forrester for Daniel Galvin
Make-up: Jenny Nolan

Photographs: EAMONN J. McCABE

PEOPLE

Loulou: never at odds with Yves

Clothes become fashion only when a woman of style dresses in them, goes out on the town and makes them live. At the end of one day last week when fashion professionals had been divided in their passion for or against the Saint-Laurent show that morning, it was **Loulou de la Falaise** who settled the matter.

When she took her place in the front row of the Paris Opéra for the Oscars ceremony, dressed in a dazzling sequin-embroidered pierrot jacket over a black lace skirt, Yves's much-disputed harlequin fantasy became chic reality.

It was the way she wore his clothes way back in 1969 that first drew Loulou de la Falaise to Yves Saint-Laurent. Her relationship with him, first as friend and muse ("I used to waft into his studio and look at his sketches") has been formalized since 1972 to that of design assistant, one of seven at his Avenue Marceau headquarters. Her responsibilities are jewellery, hats and accessories but she is also, says Saint-Laurent's partner, Pierre Bergé, "his inspiration and contact with the world".

How is Saint-Laurent responding to the latest challenge in Paris fashion, most specifically from Lacroix? "Yves is very conscious of the competition today," Loulou says. "Fashion was not so fashionable in the Seventies. We were all more carefree. At Saint-Laurent, we love fantasy and creative ideas, but not fussy clothes."

She adds: "Yves thinks nothing is better-looking than a man's raincoat, a turtle neck sweater and a black leather skirt worn with a lot of fancy jewels. For couture, he enjoys creating a whirlwind of satin that is sexy and extravagant. But ready-to-wear is closer to home for me. I enjoy putting together a satin skirt with a simple shirt and an extravagant belt. I don't like just pulling a zip up my back."

Loulou had no design training; her chic is in-bred. Born in Sussex, she is the granddaughter of the painter Sir Oswald Birley. Her mother, the designer and cookery writer Maxine de la Falaise, worked at Paquin and Schiaparelli.

Today, at 39, Loulou is ensconced in Paris with her husband, Thadée Klossowski, and their daughter, Anna Balladina, aged 2. She shows off a snapshot of her daughter. In it Anna Balladina is trying on Saint-Laurent jewellery. Yet another generation of *couturier styliste* is born.

Giles Bensimon

Loulou de la Falaise: turning Saint-Laurent's harlequin fantasy into chic reality

Jewels in the crown

Author Leslie Field has assumed some regal notions since completing her definitive dossier on the Queen's personal collection of jewels. Cartier, which is hosting a party for its launch this evening, has rustled up 300 diamonds to make a copy of the Queen's distinctive Williamson diamond bow brooch for Field to wear. An exhibition of photographs of Cartier jewellery in the Royal Family's private collection opens at Cartier, 175 New Bond Street, WI, tomorrow and runs until October 31. Leslie Field's book *The Queen's Jewels: The Personal Collection of Elizabeth II*, is published by Weidenfeld & Nicholson, £18.

● Designers Jasper Conran, John Galliano and Alistair Blair all paid homage to their Japanese fashion idol, Rei Kawakubo, when they turned up for the opening of Browns' Comme des Garçons shop at 59 Brook Street, WI, on Friday night. All three are customers of Comme menswear on sale in the new shop.

Royal style

The Princess Royal has always seemed the perfect target customer for Jaeger clothes. Now that Jaeger has expanded its range to include more sporty separates and even sells grander evening dresses, practically every occasion in the hardworking Princess's busy schedule is catered for, bar a state banquet. She was there last week, as president of the British Knitting and Clothing Export Council, to visit Jaeger's revamped flagship store in Regent Street. As part of its new one-stop shopping philosophy, the store offers jewellery from Butler & Wilson (favourites of the Princess of Wales).

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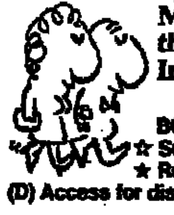

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THEATRE

LONDON

☆ **ALLO, ALLO:** Return of last year's stage version of the T V show.
Prince of Wales Theatre, Coventry Street W1 (01-839 5987). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Thurs 8-10.20pm, Fri and Sat 8.40-11pm, mats Fri and sat 5.30-7.50pm, £7.50-£14.

☆ **BEYOND REASONABLE DOUBT:**
Frank Finlay, Wendy Craig and others in Jeffrey Archer courtroom *drama.*
Queen's Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue W1 (01-734 1166). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Fri 8-10.15pm, Sat 8.30-10.45pm, mats *Thurs 3-5.15pm and Sat 5-7.15pm,* £5-£13.50.

☆ **BLUES IN THE NIGHT:** The hit blues show: Carol Woods, Debby Bishop, Maria Friedman, Peter Straker, sing their hearts out in a sleazy Chicago hotel.
Piccadilly Theatre, Denman Street, W1 (01-437 4506). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Thurs 8-10pm, Fri and Sat 6.30-8pm and 9-11pm, £8.50-£14.50. (D)

☆ **A COLLIER'S FRIDAY NIGHT:** Annette Crosbie, Alfred Lynch, Claire Hackett in D H Lawrence's warm, *beautifully detailed play.*
Greenwich Theatre, Crooms Hill SE10 (01-858 7755). Station: Greenwich. Mon-Sat 7.45pm, mats Sat 2.30pm, £3-£10.

★ **FOLLIES:** Sondheim's musical, in London at last, has Diana Rigg and Julia McKenzie leading a starry cast.
Shaftesbury Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, *WC2 (01-379 5399). Tube:* Holborn/Tottenham Court Road. Mon-Sat 7.45-10.15pm, mats Wed and Sat 3-5.30pm, £10-£20.

☆ **HIGH SOCIETY:** The show of the film. Stoked with extra Cole Porter. Good performances.
Victoria Palace Theatre, Victoria Street, SW1 (01-834 1317). Tube: Victoria. Mon-Fri 7.45-10.15pm, Sat 8.15-10.45pm, mats Wed 3-5.30pm and Sat 4.45-7.15pm, £7.50-£18.50. (D)

☆ **THE HYPOCHONDRIAC:** Tom *Courtenay heads Molière's classic* comedy. Directed by Nancy Meckler.
Lyric Theatre, King Street W6 (01-741 2311). Tube: Hammersmith. Mon-Sat 7.45pm, mats Wed 2.30pm and Sat 4pm. £5-£10.

★ **IT'S A GIRL:** Bush Theatre reopens after its fire with John Burrows's exhilarating all-woman musical show on pregnancy and allied matters.
Bush Theatre, Bush Hotel, Shepherds Bush Green, W12 (01-743 3388). Tube: Shepherds Bush. Previews tonight and tomorrow 8pm. First night Oct 29, 7pm. Then Tue-Sun 7pm, £5.

☆ **KISS ME KATE:** The RSC production of the Cole Porter musical, with Paul Jones and Nichola McAuliffe.
Old Vic Theatre, Waterloo Road, SE1 (01-928 7616). Tube: Waterloo. *Mon-Fri 7.30-10.20pm, Sat 7.45-*10.35pm, mats Wed 2.30-5.20pm and Sat 4-6.50pm, £8-£19. (D)

★ **LETTICE AND LOVAGE:** New Peter Shaffer play *starring Maggie* Smith and Margaret Tyzack.
Globe Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (01-437 3667) Tube: Piccadilly Circus. First night tonight, 7-9.30pm, then : Mon-Sat 7.45-10.15pm, mats Sat, 3-5.30pm. £7.50-£14.50.

☆ **THE LIFE OF NAPOLEON:** John *Sessions's dazzling one-man* show, with the additional voices of Olivier, Orson Welles, Frank Bruno and about 30 others. Transfer after sell-out run at Riverside.
***Albery Theatre,* St Martin's Lane,** WC2 (01-836 3878). Tube: Leicester Square. Previews tonight and tomorrow, 8-10.30pm. First night Oct 29, 7-9.30pm. Then Mon-*Fri 8-10.30pm. Sat 8.30-11.00pm.* Mats Sat 5-7.30pm, £5-£12.50.

☆ **THE LIVING ROOM:** Major revival of Graham Greene's first play; cast includes Katherine Schlesinger, Judy Campbell, Dulcie Gray, Peter Blythe and Paul Daneman.
Royalty Theatre, Portugal Street WC2 (01-831 0660). Tube: *Holborn/Temple. Mon-Sat 8pm,* mats Wed 3pm and Sat 5pm, £6.50-£12.50.

☆ **A MAN FOR ALL SEASONS:** Charlton Heston takes over the role of Sir Thomas More in the strongly cast transfer from Chichester.
Savoy Theatre, Strand WC2 (01-836 8888). Tube: Charing Cross. Mon-Sat 7.30-10.15pm, mats 2.30-5.15pm, £5-£14.50.

☆ **NO MORE A-ROVING:** Brian Deacon in premiere of "lost" wartime comedy by John Whiting.
Orange Tree Theatre, Kew Road, Richmond (01-940 3633). Tube: Richmond. Mon-Sat 8-10.15pm, mats Sat 4.30-6.45pm, £2.50-£5.

☆ **SHANGHAI KUNJU THEATRE:** *Two-week season featuring* spectacular displays of martial arts and stunts incorporated in several different shows. Tonight: *The Kunju Macbeth.*
Palladium, Argyll Street, W1 (01-437 7373) Tube: Oxford Circus. Tonight, 7.30pm. £4-£15.

☆ **THREE MEN ON A HORSE:** Marvellously funny and friendly *betting comedy; Geoffrey* Hutchings and company joined by Toyah Willcox for this National Theatre transfer.
Vaudeville Theatre, Strand, WC2 (01-836 9988). Tube: Charing Cross, Mon-Fri 8-10.10pm, Sat 8.30-10.40pm, mats Wed 3-5.10pm and Sat 5-7.10pm, £5-£13.50.

LONG RUNNERS: ☆ **The Business Of Murder:** Mayfair Theatre (01-629 3036). . . ☆ **Cats:** New London Theatre (01-405 0072, cc 01-404 4079). . . ☆ **Chess:** Prince Edward Theatre (01-734 8951). . . ☆ **42nd Street:** Drury Lane Theatre Royal (01-836 8108/9/0). . . ☆ **Les Liaisons Dangereuses:** Ambassadors Theatre (01-836 6111, cc 01-836 1171). . . ☆ **Me And My Girl:** *Adelphi Theatre (01-240 7913/4).* . . ★ **Les Misérables:** Palace Theatre (01-434 0909). . . ☆ **The Mousetrap:** St Martin's Theatre (01-836 1443) . . ★ **Phantom Of The Opera:** *Her Majesty's* Theatre (01-839 2244). . . ☆ **Run For Your Wife:** Criterion Theatre (01-930 3216). . . ☆ **Starlight Express:** Apollo Victoria Theatre *(01-828 8665).*

OUT OF TOWN

PLYMOUTH: ★ **South Pacific:** Gemma Craven, Bertice Reading, Emile Belcourt, Andrew C. Wadsworth, in the Rogers and Hammerstein musical. Comes to London in January.
Theatre Royal, Royal Parade (0752 669595), Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Thurs, 2.30pm, Sat, 4pm. £5-£9.50.

GLASGOW: ☆ **Joan of Arc:** Robert David Macdonald's production of his own new version of Schiller. Final week.
Citizens' Theatre, Gorbals (041 429 5561), Mon-Sat 7.30pm, £3.

STRATFORD-UPON-AVON: ☆ **Julius Caesar:** Austere but vivid production directed by Terry Hands.
Royal Shakespeare Theatre (0789 295623), 7.30pm. £3.50-£15.50.

WATFORD: ☆ **A Doll's House:** The Ibsen play, with Susan Penhaligon, *Charlotte Cornwell,* Mike Gwilim, directed by Lou Stein.
Palace Theatre, Clarendon Road (0923 225671), 7.45pm. £6.75.

TOP 10 UK SINGLES

1	(1)	You Win Again	Bee Gees, Warner Brothers
2	(10)	Faith	George Michael, Epic
3	(5)	*Love in the First Degree*	*Bananarama, London*
4	(2)	Crockett's Theme	Jan Hammer, MCA
5	(11)	Little Lies	Fleetwood Mac, Warner Brothers
6	(7)	The Circus	Erasure, Mute
7	(8)	Mony, Mony	Billy Idol, Chrysalis
8	(17)	Rent	Pet Shop Boys, Parlophone
9	(4)	Crazy Crazy Nights	Kiss, Vertigo
10	(12)	Walk the Dinosaur	Was (Not Was), Fontana

TOP 10 UK ALBUMS

1	(4)	Tango in The Night	Fleetwood Mac, Warner Brothers
2	(-)	Christians	Christians, Island
3	(1)	Nothing Like the Sun	Sting, A & M
4	(3)	Bad	Michael Jackson, Epic
5	(5)	E.S.P.	Bee Gees, Warner Brothers
6	(2)	Tunnel of Love	Bruce Springsteen, CBS
7	(6)	The Cream of Eric Clapton	Eric Clapton/Cream, Polydor
8	(8)	Actually	Pet Shop Boys, Parlophone
9	(18)	Strangeways Here We Come	Smiths, Rough Trade
10	(12)	Dancing with Strangers	Chris Rea, Magnet

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FILMS

■ **Also on national release**
☎ **Advance booking possible**

■ **ANGEL HEART (18):** Mickey Rourke's down-at-heel detective pursues a missing person to the voodoo underworld of New Orleans. Pulp stuff, directed by Alan Parker in slam-bang style. (113 min).
Leicester Square Theatre (01-930 5252). Progs 1.55, 5.10, 8.30.

■ **LA BAMBA (15):** *Conventional* biography of the Mexican-American rock legend Ritchie Valens, dead at 17. Directed by Luis Valdez (100 min).
Cannon Tottenham Court Rd (01-636 6148). Progs 1.15, 3.35, 6.00, 8.25.

■ **BEVERLY HILLS COP II (15):** Eddie Murphy repeats his *performance as the brazen Detroit* cop on a job in Los Angeles. Tony Scott directs. (103 min).
Cannon Baker Street (01-935 9772). Progs 1.45, 4.00, 6.15, 8.30. ***Cannon Bayswater*** *(01-352 5096).* Progs 1.05, 3.20, 5.40, 8.15.
Cannon Edgware Road (01-723 5901). Progs 1.55, 4.10, 6.20, 8.35.
☎ **Cannon Fulham Road** (01-370 2636). Progs 2.00, 4.30, 7.00, 9.30.
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 1.30, 3.50, 6.10, 8.30.
☎ **Plaza** (01-437 1234). Progs 12.15, 2.30, 4.45, 7.00, 9.15, 11.30.

BEYOND THERAPY (15): *Another* of Robert Altman's theatre pieces, filmed in Paris, with Julie Haggerty, Jeff Goldblum, Glenda Jackson and Tom Conti. (93 min).
Cannon Chelsea *(01-352 5096).* Progs 2.35, 5.50, 8.45.
Cannon Haymarket (01-839 1527). Progs 2.15, 4.20, 6.30, 8.40.
Cannon Tottenham Court Road (01-636 6148). Progs 1.50, 4.05, 6.20, 8.30.

■ **THE BIG EASY (18):** Uncertain mixture of sex comedy and police thriller, with Dennis Quaid and Ellen Barkin. *Directed by Jim McBride* (95 min).
☎ **Gate** (01-727 4043). Progs 1.45, 3.30, 5.25, 7.20, 9.15.
☎ **Warner West End** (01-439 0791). *Progs 2.00, 4.15, 6.30, 8.45.*

DIRTY DANCING (15): Flimsy but energetic coming-of-age saga, with Jennifer Grey as the headstrong girl losing her innocence at a Borscht Belt resort. With Patrick Swayze and Jerry Ardolino. (88 min).
Cannon Edgware Road (01-723 5901). Progs 1.55, 4.05, 6.15, 8.25.
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 1.40, 3.55, 6.10, 8.30.
Cannon Royal (01-930 6915). Progs 1.25, 3.25, 5.50, 8.15.

EAT THE RICH (15): Raucous black comedy about London life, from Peter Richardson originator of *The Comic Strip.* With Ronald Allen, Fiona Richmond, Nosher Powell. *(90 min).*
Cannon Baker Street (01-935 9772). Progs 2.15, 4.20, 6.25, 8.30
Cannon Fulham Road (01-370 2636). Progs 2.15, 4.30, 6.45 9.15.**Cannon Haymarket** (01-839 1527). Progs 2.30, 4.25, 6.30, 8.35.
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 2.30, 4.30, 6.35, 8.35.

■ **HELLRAISER (18):** Full-blooded British horror film, written and directed by Clive Barker from his own novel about a decomposed corpse trying to eat his way back to *life (100 min).*
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 6.35, 8.30.

MADE IN HEAVEN (PG): Awkward comic fable about a love match literally made in heaven; touching moments, though. Alan Rudolph directs Timothy Hutton and Kelly McGillis. (102 min).

Chelsea Cinema (01-351 3742). Progs 2.25, 4.30, 6.40, 8.55.
Renoir Cinema (01-837 8402). Progs 2.25, 4.30, 6.40, 8.55.

■ **TIN MEN (15):** Bright, inventive comedy from writer-director Barry Levinson, with Richard Dreyfuss and Danny DeVito as warring home improvement salesmen (110 min).
☎ **Warner West End** (01-439 0791). *Progs 1.05, 3.30, 5.55, 8.25.*

■ **THE UNTOUCHABLES (15):** Eliot Ness's gangbusters go after Al Capone in Brian De Palma's *entertaining drama, filled with* bullets, blood, and thoughtful dialogue by playwright David Mamet. With Kevin Costner, Sean Connery, Robert De Niro (120 min).
Cannon Bayswater (01-229 4149). Progs 2.30, 5.15, 8.00.
Cannon Edgware Road (01-723 5901). Progs 2.35, 5.35, 8.20.
☎ **Cannon Fulham Road** (01-370 2636). Progs 2.00, 6.00, 9.10.
☎ **Empire Leicester Square** (01-437 1234, cc 01-240 7200). Progs 1.00, 3.30, 6.00, 8.30.

■ **THE WITCHES OF EASTWICK** *(18): Jack Nicholson's satanic* stranger dominates this bumpy adaptation of John Updike's clever novel about the battle of the sexes. With Susan Sarandon, Cher, *Michelle Pfeiffer. George Miller* directs. (118 min).
Cannon Shaftesbury Avenue (01-836 6279). Progs 2.20, 5.20, 8.15.
Cannon Fulham Road (01-370 2636). Progs 2.15, 6.10, 9.15.
Screen on the Green (01-226 3520) Progs 3.55, 6.10, 8.45

"Fading Away" (above), was exhibited by Henry Peach Robinson, a painter turned photographer, in 1857 to immediate and controversial acclaim. It is a prime example of a genre of pictorial photography, carefully controlled and allegorical in content, which promulgated the sound Victorian values that photography had to display if it was to aspire *to become an art form. In such composites,* which today we would call photomontages, Robinson would begin with a sketch of the subject. He photographed each main element separately, *cutting* and pasting the disparate parts onto a previously photographed background. The joins and hard edges would then be retouched and the whole re-photographed to create the finished work. At about the same time as "Fading Away" was first exhibited, Lewis Carroll acquired a camera and launched *himself on friends and family as an amateur* portraitist, with stylish and sometimes remarkable results. The private portraits of Carroll and his contemporaries have a timeless *accessibility* which *make Robinson's tableaux vivants* seem quaint and artificial. A new exhibition shows us both approaches side by side. National Museum of Film, Television and Photography, Prince's View, Bradford, West Yorkshire (0274 727488), from today until January 31. ***Michael Young***

OPERA

☆ **LE NOZZE DI FIGARO:** Penetrating production by Johannes Schaaf and lively musical direction by Bernard Haitink make this a *Figaro* not to be missed.
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2 (01-240 1066), 7.30-10.45pm, £2-£70.

★ **THE PEARL FISHERS:** Anthony Michaels-Moore now takes over the role of Zurga in Philip Prowse's elegant production of Bizet's opera.
English National Opera, Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (01-836 3161). 7.30-10.15pm, £2-£21.50.

★ **COSI FAN TUTTE:** Glyndebourne Touring Opera offer the last chances to see Peter Hall's perceptive production, staged for their tour by Stephen Lawless.
Apollo Theatre, Oxford (0865 244544), 7-10.10pm, £6-£18.50.

☆ **THE TROJANS AT CARTHAGE:** Tim Albery's superb staging for Opera North of the second part of *Berlioz's epic.*
Theatre Royal, Nottingham (0602 482626), 7.15-10.30pm, £3.50-£14.

☆ **AIDA:** Gilbert Deflo's controversial production for Scottish Opera, set in the age of Victorian Egyptomania.
Playhouse, Edinburgh (031 557 2590), 7.15-10.15pm, £3-£15.

JAZZ

☆ **CLEO LAINE:** At 60, she remains an utterly distinctive vocalist. *Appearing tonight with the John* Dankworth sextet and the Kinsey-Dankworth Big Band.
Lewisham Theatre, Rushey Green, London SE6 (01-690 3431), 8pm, £6.50-£8.50.

☆ **LOOSE TUBES:** The hugely entertaining orchestra will be making fewer live appearances in future. Catch them while you can.
Chichester Festival Theatre, Oaklands Park, Chichester, West Sussex (0243 781312), 7.30pm, £4-£7.

☆ **IRAKERE:** Chucho Valdes's percussion based ensemble has been in crackling form.
Ronnie Scott's Club, 47 Frith Street, London W1 (01-439 0747), 9.30pm, £8 (£2 for members).

☆ **TOMMY CHASE:** No-nonsense hard bop from the darling of the dance crowd.
Darlington Arts Centre, Vane Terrace (0325 483271), 8pm, £3.50.

ROCK

☆ **FREDDIE McGREGOR:** The Jamaican reggae pop star, whose stock remains high after his recent UK hit, "Just Don't Want To Be Lonely".
Rooftop Gardens, off Westgate, Wakefield (0924 382589) 7pm, £4.50.

☆ **NEW MODEL ARMY:** Benefit show for the Steve Biko Scholarship Fund which provides grants for South African students to study in Britain.
Sussex University SU, Brighton Road, Falmer, East Sussex (0273 678555) 7.30pm, £3.50.

☆ **FIVE STAR:** Britain's belated answer to the Jackson Five wind up a triumphant sell-out tour.
Wembley Arena, Empire Way, Middlesex (01-902 1234) 7.30pm, £10.50-£12.50.

★ **CHRIS REA:** Gorgeous guitar *sounds and an ultra laid-back* delivery from the gruff-voiced northerner, promoting the estimable *Dancing With Strangers.*
SECC, Finnieston Street, Glasgow *(041 248 3000) 7.30pm, £7.50-£8.*

CONCERTS

LUNCHTIME

☆ **FRIEND'S MUSIC:** Rodney Friend conducts the Royal College of Music String Ensemble in Mozart's Divertimento K 136 and Tchaikovsky's Serenade Op 48.
Bishopsgate Hall, 230 Bishopsgate, London EC2 (01-247 6844), 1.05-1.50pm, £1.50.

☆ **CLIFFE SONGS:** Nigel Cliffe, baritone, sings Hugo Wolf and Richard Strauss, Herbert Howells *and E J Moeran.* Paul Turner accompanies.
St Martin-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar Square, London WC2 (01-839 1930), 1.05-2pm, free.

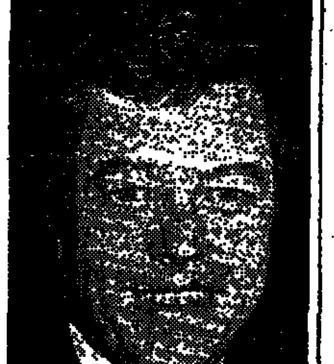
☆ ***MIDDAY MOZART:*** *The South* Bank lunchtime series ends with the Capricorn ensemble performing Mozart's Clarinet Trio K 498 and Piano Quintet K 452.
Queen Elizabeth Hall, *South Bank,* London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800), 1.10-1.55pm, £3.

EVENING

☆ **ALL WEATHERS:** See caption.
Queen Elizabeth Hall, 7.45pm, £3.75-£10.

☆ ***ANGELA HEWITT:*** Winner of the Toronto Bach Piano Competition, Angela Hewitt is heard in Bach's Chromatic Fantasy and Fugue, Beethoven's Sonata Op 28 "Pastorale," Prokofiev's Sonata No 4 and, an unexpected choice, Roussel's Suite Op 14.
Goldsmiths' Hall, Foster Lane, London EC2 (01-837 1844), 6.30pm, £4.

☆ **ASHKENAZY/RPO:** A fine programme from the RPO conducted by Vladimir Ashkenazy – Sibelius's Symphony No 7, Ravel's *Ma Mère l'Oye, Rapsodie Espagnole* and Prokofiev's Violin Concerto No 2 with Boris Belkin as soloist.
Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800), 7.30-9.25pm, £4-£20.



Peter Skellern (above), is well known as the husky-voiced singer and composer of gentle, sometimes humorous ballads, *from the hit "You're a Lady"* to the themes for several television series. Tonight he reveals another side of his *talents with the world premiere of his choral work, Weathers,* by Goldsmith's Choral Union, conducted by Brian Wright, at Queen Elizabeth Hall (see listing). The piece is preceded by Rossini's *Petite Messe Solennelle.*

☆ **TAUB TIME:** The American pianist Robert Taub interprets *Beethoven's* Sonata Op 2 No 1, Brahms's *Klavierstücke* Op 116, *Scriabin's Sonata No 5 and a* Chopin group.
Wigmore Hall, 36 Wigmore Street, London W1 (01-935 2141).

☆ ***ROUNDEL RECITAL:*** *The* Roundel ensemble plays Mozart's Serenade K 388, Serenade Op 29 by the neglected Franz Reizenstein, a Lennox Berkeley *flute sonata and St Francis's Window* by Ruth Gipps:
British Music Information Centre, 10 Stratford Place, London W1 (01-499 8567), 7.30pm, free.

DANCE

☆ **PARAMOUR:** Graham Lustig's new work to Poulenc's music opens Sadler's Wells Royal Ballet's short London season, together with three Ashton favourites.
Sadler's Wells Theatre, Rosebery Avenue, *London EC1 (01-278 8916)* 7.30-10pm £3.50-£16.

☆ **URBAN BUSH WOMEN:** Dance group from New York makes its British debut.
The Place, Dukes Road, London WC1 (01-387 0031) 8-10pm £6.

☆ **PULCINELLA:** Richard Alston's staging of Stravinsky's ballet for *Rambert Dance Theatre, together* with Michael Clark's *Swamp* and Lynn Seymour's *Wolfi.*
Grand Theatre, Singleton Street, Swansea (0792 475715) 7.30-*9.45pm* £4.50-£6.50.

☆ **SWAN LAKE:** André Prokofsky's dramatic production for Northern Ballet Theatre.
King's Theatre, Southsea (0705 *826282) 7.30-9.30pm £6-£9.*

GALLERIES

WILLIAM TURNBULL: Early and recent sculptures by a former pop artist whose work has latterly assumed classical elegance.
Waddington Galleries, 2 and 34 Cork Street, London W1 (01-437 8611), Mon-Fri 10am-5.30pm, Sat 10am-1pm, free, until November 21.

PETER LANYON: Paintings 1952-1964 by the Cornish painter who made an important contribution to the British landscape tradition.
Gimpel Fils, *30 Davies Street,* London W1 (01-493 2488), Mon-Fri 9.30am-5.30pm, free, until November 21.

MODERN BRITISH MASTERS: A *pot pourri* of the best in 20th century British art, from Lowry to *Burra.*
Odette Gilbert Gallery, 5 Cork Street, London W1 (01-437 3175). Mon-Fri 9am-6pm, Sat 10am-1pm, free, until November 20.

ZDZISLAW RUSZKOWSKI: 80th birthday tribute to a celebrated Polish painter resident in London since 1939.
Jablonski Gallery, 16 Woodstock Street, London W1 (01-629 4419), Mon-Fri 10.30am-5.30pm, Sat 11am-4pm, free, until November 20.

THE TERRIBLE YEAR — 1937: A small display of work commemorating the 50th anniversary of Hitler's infamous *Entartete Kunst* (Degenerate Art) exhibition.
Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art, Belford Road, Edinburgh (031 556 8921), Mon-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 2-5pm, free, until December 6.

LADY BUTLER (1846-1933): Battle paintings and related works by a very popular Victorian academic painter.
Durham Light Infantry Museum, Aykley Heads, Durham (0385 42214), Tues-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 2-5pm, free, until November 8.

JEAN LUC VILMOUTH: Commonplace objects represented as sculpture.
Institute of Contemporary Arts, The Mall, London SW1 (01-930 3647). daily noon-8pm, 60p, until November 15.

NORMAN HEPPLE RA: A selection of mainly landscape and genre paintings by the society portrait *painter.*
Spink & Son, King Street, London SW1 (01-930 7888), Mon-Fri 9.30am-5.30pm, free, until October 30.

VIRGINIA WOOLF — LIFE AND LONDON: Books, letters, drawings and other Bloomsbury memorabilia
The Bloomsbury Workshop, 12 Galen Place, London WC1 (01-405 *0632), Tues-Sat 10am-5.30pm,* free, until November 6.

JOSEPHINE JACKSON: Large brightly coloured abstract *raku* oval-shaped dishes and plaques.
Century Galleries, Thamesside, Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire (0491 575499), every day, 10am-5pm, free, until November 2.

TALKS

BOTH SIDES OF THE WILDLIFE GARDEN FENCE: *Illustrated talk by* Chris Baines, horticulturalist, landscape architect and author of *The Wildlife Garden Notebook.*
York House, Twickenham, Middlesex *(01-891 7313). 8pm,* free.

WALKS

JEWISH GHETTO & COCKNEY QUARTER: meet Whitechapel tube, 11am, £3.

PEPYS, PLAGUE & GREAT FIRE: meet Museum of London, 2.30pm, £3.

GOVERNMENT & PARLIAMENT: meet Embankment tube, 11.30am, £2.50.

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF DICKENS: meet Holborn tube, 2pm, £2.50.

OTHER EVENTS

ROSEBERY'S DEBUT: First sale at new auction house headed by two ex-Sotheby's experts. Specialising in antiques valued at £30 and over.
Rosebery Fine Art Ltd, 3 & 4 Hardwick Street, London EC1 (01-837 3418). Sale 7pm, viewing from 11am.

LATE AUTUMN SHOW: Two-day show including the Tree and Shrub competition. Today and tomorrow.
Royal Horticultural Society Halls, Vincent Square and Greycoat Street, London SW1 (01-834 4333). Today 11am-7pm. £2.

INTERNATIONAL FAIR: 2,000 covered stands and outside pitches *selling antiques, collectibles:* furniture, paintings, porcelain, jewellery, coins and medals.
The Showground, Winthorpe, Newark, Nottinghamshire. 8am-4pm. Before 9am £2, after 9am £1.

BRITISH LIBRARY EVENTS: Video presentations. *Keeping your words: book preservation,* 11am. *Writers' houses — William Cowper and the Brontës,* 2pm.
British Library, Great Russell Street, London WC1, free.

HALF-TERM WORKSHOP: For eight-year-olds and over. *Miniature printed cards.* 10.30am-12.30pm,1.30pm-3.30 pm.
Horniman Museum, London Road, Forest Hill, London SE23 (01-699 2339), free.

BOOKINGS

FIRST CHANCE

FILMS FROM THE FAR EAST: From China, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Japan, South Korea, Thailand and Vietnam. Part of London Film *Festival. Nov 11-29.*
National Film Theatre, South Bank, London SE1. (01-928 3232). Booking open for members. General booking from Nov 5.

LES CHANTS DES OISEAUX: 16th century French *chansons* performed by Ensemble Clement Janequin, on tour. Venues include Manchester, London, Durham, Oxford and Portsmouth. Nov 18-24.
Early Music Centre, Charles Clore House, 17 Russell Square, London WC1. (01-580 8401).

BEN-HUR: *Silent film version of the* epic, accompanied by Carl Davis conducting LPO in commissioned score. Part of London Film Festival. Nov 25-28.
Palladium, *Argyll Street, London* W1. (01-437 7373). Booking open.

LAST CHANCE

A CALENDAR OF CHILDHOOD: Customs and festivals of childhood, illustrated through birthday cards and costumes. Until Sun.
Bethnal Green Museum of Childhood, Cambridge Heath Road, London E2. (01-980 2415/3204/4315).

WILDLIFE AND EYE ON RICHMOND: Exhibitions, *Wildlife, ecology and nature conservation in London* and *Eye on Richmond.* Until Sat.
Old Town Hall, Whittaker Avenue, Richmond, Surrey (01-891 7777).

LOOKING WEST: Paintings and sculptures created in West Cornwall during the last 100 years. Until Sat.
Newlyn Art Gallery, Penzance, Cornwall. (0736 63715).

Theatre: Jeremy Kingston; **Films:** Geoff Brown; **Concerts:** Max Harrison; ***Opera:*** Hilary Finch; **Rock:** David Sinclair; **Jazz:** Clive Davis; **Dance:** John Percival; **Galleries:** David Lee; **Walks and Talks:** Penny Osborn; **Other Events:** Judy Froshaug; **Bookings:** Anne Whitehouse.

ENTERTAINMENTS

CONCERTS

BARBICAN HALL 638 8891/628 8795 No perf ton't, tomor 7.45 BEETHOVEN FESTIVAL Royal Philharmonic Orchestra Sir Charles Groves (cond).

ROYAL FESTIVAL HALL 01-928 3191 CC 928 8800 Tonight 7.30pm RPO Vladimir Ashkenazy. Boris Belkin Sibelius Symphony No.7. Prokofiev: Violin Concerto No.2. Ravel: Suite, Mother Goose; Rapsodie Espagnole.

OPERA & BALLET

COLISEUM S 836 3161 CC 240 5258. ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA Ton't 7.30 The Pearl Fishers. Tomor 7.30 Werther.

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CINEMAS

CURZON MAYFAIR Curzon St 499 3737. Yves Montand & Gerard Depardieu in JEAN DE FLORETTE (PG) Film at 1.15 (not Sun) 3.30 6.00 8.30. "Most compelling film in London" D.Tel. "Hugely enjoyable" Std.

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ODEON HAYMARKET (839 7697) HOPE AND GLORY (15) Sep progs Daily 2.30 5.30 8.30. All seats bookable in advance. Access and Visa telephone bookings welcome.

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TELEVISION AND RADIO

Compiled by Peter Dear and Peter Davalle

BBC1

6.00 Ceefax AM.
6.35 Edgar Kennedy in Morning Judge (b/w). 6.55 Weather.
7.00 Breakfast Time includes national and international news at 7.00, 7.30, 8.00 and 8.30; regional news and travel reports at 7.15, 7.45 and 8.15; weather at 7.25, 7.55 and 8.25.
8.40 Open Air. Pattie Coldwell and Eamonn Holmes receive viewers' reaction to yesterday's television output. 8.55 Regional news and weather.
9.00 News and weather followed by Neighbours (r). 9.20 Kilroy. Robert Kilroy-Silk chairs a discussion on a topical subject.
10.00 News and weather followed by Going for Gold. Quiz series (r). 10.25 Children's BBC. Andy Crane with programme news and birthday greetings followed by Play School (r), and Gran (r).
10.55 Five to Eleven. Rosalie Crutchley with a thought for the day 11.00 News and weather followed by Open Air presented by Pattie Coldwell and Eamonn Holmes.
12.00 News and weather followed by Daytime Live. Today's guests are Cathy McGowan, Floella Benjamin and Fiona Richmond. Music is provided by Wax and there is a visit to London Zoo 12.55 Regional news and weather.
1.00 One O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. Weather. 1.30 Neighbours. Madge receives a romantic present from an unknown admirer 1.50 Going for Gold. European general knowledge quiz presented by Henry Kelly.
2.15 Knots Landing. The runaways, Chip and Diana, are found in a remote shack in Oklahoma. 3.00 Valerie. American comedy series starring Valerie Harper 3.25 The Clothes Show. Selina Scott meets Italian designer Valentino and there is a visit to the Alternative Hair Show.
3.50 Henry's Cat (r).
4.10 Sebastian, the Incredible Drawing Dog (r). 4.15 Beat the Teacher. Quiz game 4.30 Record Breakers. The first of a new series presented by Roy Castle and Cheryl Baker.
5.00 Newsround with Roger Finn, Helen Rollason and John Craven 5.10 Grange Hill. Episode nine (r). (Ceefax)
5.35 Masterteam 87. Quiz game for teams.
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Sue Lawley and Nicholas Witchell. Weather.
6.35 London Plus.
7.00 No Place Like Home. Arthur and Beryl have to use all their tact when their daughter and her estranged husband both arrive with their new romantic interests (r). (Ceefax)
7.30 EastEnders. Dot Cotton is excited at the thought of having her fortune told by Ethel. (Ceefax)
8.00 Last of the Summer Wine. Seymour decides that his talents should be utilized by the local church (r). (Ceefax)
8.30 The Lenny Henry Show. First of a new comedy series. (Ceefax)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis and Debbie Thrower. Regional news and weather.
9.30 Truckers. The final episode of the comedy drama about a firm of cowboy road hauliers. Starring James Hazeldine. (Ceefax)
10.20 Women of the Year. Highlights of yesterday's 32nd Women of the Year lunch. The speakers are Dr Pauline Cutting and Emma Thompson.
11.00 Film: Pursuit (1972) starring Ben Gazzara, E.G.Marshall and Martin Sheen. A made-for-television thriller about a U.S. Government agent investigating the theft of a deadly nerve gas and the illegal tapping of a top secret government computer. Directed by Michael Crichton.
12.10 Weather.

BBC2

9.00 Ceefax 9.52 Daytime on Two: drawing old machinery 10.15 Episode five of a ghost story 10.38 Measurement in science 11.00 Puppets 11.18 Wondermaths 11.35 Maths investigations 12.00 Trigonometry 12.20 Preparing a television newscast 12.50 Microtechnology 1.20 For the very young 2.00 News and weather followed by a series for four- and five-year olds.
2.15 See Hear. (r). 2.35 Holiday Outings. Majorca (r).
3.00 News and weather followed by Vanity Fair: The Battlefield. Recreating the Battle of Waterloo for television. 3.30 Under Sail. The Bridgwater ketch Irene (r). 3.50 News, regional news and weather.
4.00 Zooweek. The first of four live programmes from London Zoo.
4.30 One in Four. Magazine programme for the disabled and their families.
5.00 Glynn Christian's New Zealand. A new four-part series in which Glynn Christian examines the changes that have taken place in his homeland over the past two decades. 5.30 Film 87 (r).
6.00 No Limits. Rock music show
7.00 Open to Question. White witches, Janet and Stewart Farrar, face an audience of teenage questioners.
7.35 Rockschool. Making music in a rock band.
8.00 Food and Drink. This first in a new series includes advice for single-parent cooks.
8.30 Brass Tacks: Bad Habits? Pharmaceutical reps who sell addictive drugs to doctors and the GPs who pass them on to their patients are questioned.
9.00 The Ronnie Corbett Show. The guests are Barbara Lott, Elkie Brooks and Richard Digance.
9.30 Footsteps. David Drew follows in the footsteps of Alfred Maudslay who explored remote Guatemala in 1881. (Ceefax)
10.20 Sing Country includes George Hamilton IV and his son, George Hamilton V.
10.45 Newsnight 11.30 Weather.
11.35 One in Four. A repeat of the programme shown at 4.30. Ends at 12.10.

Re-fighting Waterloo: on BBC2, 3.00pm

VARIATIONS

BBC1 WALES 5.35pm-6.00 Wales Today. 6.35-7.00 So You Think You Know. 9.30-10.00 Week In, Week Out. 10.00-10.50 Truckers. 10.50-11.30 Women of the Year. 11.30-12.40am Film: Pursuit. 12.40-12.45 News and weather. SCOTLAND 10.50am-11.00 Dotaman. 6.35pm-7.00 Reporting Scotland. 8.00-8.30 Superscot. NORTHERN IRELAND 5.35pm-5.40 Today's Sport. 5.40-6.00 Inside Ulster. 6.35-7.00 Masterteam 87. 12.10am-12.15 News and weather. ENGLAND 6.35pm-7.00 Regional news magazines.

BBC2 WALES 8.05am-8.55 Masterteam. SCOTLAND 8.00pm-8.30 Prosbaig.

ANGLIA As London except: 12.50pm-1.00 News 5.15-5.45 Emmerdale Farm 6.00 About Anglia 6.35 Crossroads 7.00 Only When I Laugh 7.30-8.00 The Roxy 11.30 Hammer House of Horror 12.30am America's Top Ten 1.00-2.30 Film: Blonde in Society* 5.00 Farming Diary 6.00 Closedown.

BORDER As London except: 12.50pm-1.00 News 3.30-4.00 Sons and Daughters 6.00 Lookaround 7.30-8.00 The Roxy 11.30 Journey to the Unknown 12.30am Closedown.

CENTRAL As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 News 3.30-4.00 Sons and Daughters 6.00-6.30 News 7.30-8.00 ALF 11.30 America's Top Ten 12.00 Heart of the City 12.55am Film: Night That Panicked America 2.40 Contact 3.10 News, Jobfinder.

CHANNEL As London except: 12.50pm News 1.00 Questions 1.30 Country Practice 2.00 The Sullivans 2.25 Emergency 999 3.00 Ask No Questions 3.25 Puffin's Plaffice 3.30 Sons and Daughters 6.00 Channel Report 6.30 Emmerdale Farm 7.00 Frocks on the Box 7.30 The Roxy 11.30 Journey to the Unknown 12.30am Closedown.

GRAMPIAN As London except: 12.50pm-1.00 News 5.15-5.45 Emmerdale Farm 6.00 North Tonight 7.00 Take the High Road 7.30-8.00 The Roxy 11.30 Hunter 12.30am News, Closedown.

GRANADA As London except: 12.50pm-1.00 Granada Reports 3.30-4.00 Sons and Daughters 6.00 Granada Reports 6.25-6.30 This is Your Right 7.30-8.00 Connections 11.30 Special Squad 12.25 Closedown.

HTV WEST As London except: 12.50pm-1.00 News 6.00 News 6.35-7.00 Crossroads 7.30-8.00 The Roxy 11.30 New Order Live 12.30am Closedown.

HTV WALES As HTV West except: 6.00pm-6.35 Wales at Six.

SCOTTISH As London except: 12.50pm-1.00 News 3.30-4.00 Sons and Daughters 5.15-5.45 Emmerdale Farm 6.00 Scotland Today 6.35 Crossroads 7.00 Take the High Road 7.30-8.00 The Roxy 11.30 Fight Night Special 12.30am Late Call, Closedown.

TSW As London except: 12.50pm-1.00 News 3.30-4.00 Sons and Daughters 5.15-5.45 Crossroads 6.00 Today 6.30 Wild About the West 7.00 The Roxy 7.30-8.00 9 to 5 11.30 Postscript 11.35 Heart of the City 12.31am Closedown.

TVS As London except: 12.50pm News 1.00 Questions 1.30 Country Practice 2.00 The Sullivans 2.25-2.30 Emergency 999 3.00 Ask No Questions 3.30-4.00 Sons and Daughters 6.00 Emmerdale Farm 7.00 Frocks on the Box 7.30-8.00 The Roxy 11.30 Journey to the Unknown 12.30am Company, Closedown.

TYNE TEES As London except: 12.50pm-1.00 News 6.00-6.30 Northern Line 7.30-8.00 Easy Street 11.30 Crazy Like a Fox 12.30am Fireside Chat, Closedown.

ULSTER As London except: 12.50pm-1.00 Newstime 3.30-4.00 Survival 6.00 Six Tonight 6.20 Preview 6.35-7.00 Crossroads 7.30-8.00 The Roxy 11.30 Fight Night Special 12.25 Newstime, Closedown.

YORKSHIRE As London except: 12.50pm-1.00 News 3.30-4.00 Country Practice 6.00 Calendar 6.35-7.00 Crossroads 7.30-8.00 The Roxy 11.30 Airwolf 12.30am Jobfinder 1.30 Closedown.

S4C Starts: 9.30am Schools 12.00 Business Daily 12.30pm Countdown 1.00 Open College 2.00 Movie Museum* 2.15 International Badminton 3.45 World of Animation 4.00 Ffalabalam 4.15 Rebecca 4.20 Hafoc 5.00 Bewitched 5.30 Changing Faces 6.00 Brookside 6.30 Working it Out 7.00 Newyddion Saith 7.30 Ar y Fforda 8.00 Lou Grant 9.00 Dihirod Dyfed 9.45 Arwyddion Ffyrdd 10.15 Newhart 10.45 Shoah 12.30am Closedown.

ITV/LONDON

6.00 TV-am introduced by Kay Burley and Mike Morris. News at 6.00 and 6.30; weather at 6.28 and 6.58; financial news at 6.35; and exercises at 6.55.
7.00 Good Morning Britain presented by Anne Diamond and Richard Keys. Includes news at 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; cartoon at 7.25; sport at 7.40; and pop music at 7.55.
9.00 Wacaday presented by Timmy Mallett.
9.25 Thames news headlines.
9.30 Runway. Travel quiz presented by Chris Serle 10.00 Santa Barbara 10.25 News headlines 10.30 The Time... The Place... Mike Scott chairs a discussion on a topical subject.
11.10 Rainbow. Learning made fun by puppets 11.25 Thames news headlines 11.30 About Britain: A Uniform Existence. Why some people yearn to wear a uniform 12.00 Jimmy's. Another visit to St James's University Hospital, Leeds.
12.30 News with Julia Somerville 12.50 Thames news.
1.00 Reilly — Ace of Spies. Reilly arrives in Moscow to help overthrow the Bolsheviks and continue the war against Germany (r). (Oracle) 2.00 Cross Wits. The first of a new series of the crossword quiz presented by Tom O'Connor. The guests are Dinah Sheridan and Colin Baker.
2.30 Jancis Robinson Meets... castaway and best-seller writer, Lucy Irvine 3.00 Recollections. Roy Hudd reminisces in the company of Mary Parkinson 3.25 Thames news headlines 3.30 The Young Doctors. Medical drama serial set in a large Australian city hospital.
4.00 Rainbow. A repeat of the programme shown at 11.10 4.15 The Adventures of Tintin 4.25 Andrew O'Connor's Joke Machine 4.50 The Fantastic Adventures of Mr Rossi.
5.15 Blockbusters. General knowledge quiz game for teenagers presented by Bob Holness.
5.45 News with Alastair Stewart 6.00 Thames news.
6.30 The Roxy. Pop music programme presented by David Jensen and Kevin Sharkey. Among those appearing on this the 21st show of the series are the Style Council and Rik Astley; on video are the Bee Gees.
7.00 Emmerdale Farm.
7.30 Reporting London. Lindsay Charlton examines the "yuppie" phenomenon and Angela Lambert reports on the misery suffered by patients facing long waits for routine operations.
8.00 All at No 20. A new series of the sit-com starring Maureen Lipman.
8.30 Benny Hill. A compilation of highlights from previous comedy shows.
9.00 Boon. The first of a new drama series starring Michael Elphick as a freelance troubleshooter. (Oracle)
10.00 News at Ten with Alastair Burnet and Sandy Gall. Weather followed by Thames news headlines
10.30 Pravda. (see Choice)
11.30 Film: This Wonderful Crook (1974) starring Marlene Jobert. The story of a married father who takes to a life of crime to perk up the dullness of middle age. Directed by Claude Goretta.
1.30 Nashville Swing.
2.30 News headlines followed by Three's Company. Comedy series.
3.00 Film: Midnight Ace (1981) starring Mary Crosby. A made-for-television thriller about a happily married heiress whose life becomes a misery when she begins to receive mysterious telephone calls. With Gary Bank and Celeste Holm. Directed by Ivan Nagy.
5.00 ITN World News 5.30 CNN Headline News. Ends at 6.00.

CHANNEL 4

9.30 Schools.
12.00 Business Daily. Business and financial news service.
12.30 Just 4 Fun. Entertainment for the young.
1.00 Autocare. The first of a five-part Open College series on looking after one's car. (Oracle)
1.30 Make It Count. Part six (r). (Oracle)
2.00 Their Lordships' House (r).
2.15 International Badminton. The British Airways Masters from the Royal Albert Hall.
3.45 Years Ahead. This week's edition of the magazine series for the older viewer includes a report on an Englishman who is leading a campaign to win British pensioners in Australia full pension rights.
4.30 Countdown. Yesterday's winner is challenged by Gus Angus from Glasgow.
5.00 Bewitched. Vintage American comedy series starring Elizabeth Montgomery and Dick Sargent.
5.30 Kids' Kafe. The first of a series designed to interest children in nutritious eating (r).
6.00 Baseball: World Series. Minnesota Twins v St Louis Cardinals.
7.00 Channel 4 News with Trevor McDonald and Sue Carpenter.
7.50 Comment and Weather.
8.00 Brookside. Jonathan puzzles over the accident from which Laura shows no improvement. (Oracle)
8.30 4 What It's Worth. John Stoneborough investigates a firm offering home ownership to the low paid and unemployed; Bill Breckon uncovers second-hand car dealers posing as private sellers; and David Stafford tries drain unblocking equipment.
9.00 Apartheid. Part two of the documentary series on the history of apartheid in South Africa (r).
10.00 American Football.
11.15 Just for Laughs. A new series of highlights from the fifth International Festival of Comedy in Montreal including, tonight, Rowan Atkinson in hilarious form.
11.45 Reggie. American version of the Reginald Perrin comedy series
12.15 Their Lordships' House. Ends at 12.30.

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TELEVISION CHOICE

● As part of *glasnost*, Granada Television was permitted to film the newspaper Pravda (ITV, 10.30pm) at work. This official mouthpiece of the Central Committee is pretty fusty by Western standards, and, until recently, circumspect to the point of inertia: the staff look about as secure as the average football league manager. Real power resides at the top of the *Pravda* building. Previous editors include Lenin and Stalin and, in a neat piece of one-upmanship at the expense of his Western counterparts, the current editor-in-chief points to his desk and says laconically: "I have a telephone link - you can see it here: Gorbachev, written in red." Although the new climate allows for some journalistic investigation, there are suggestions that *glasnost* and the complementary restructuring of society *(perestroika)* are just cosmetic jobs, crude by our standards. The young and educated remain especially sceptical. Siberian writer Valentin Rasputin, a well-known conservationist, concludes that there is more information and criticism, but to little effect because bureaucrats can't or don't yet want to change. *Pravda* stories, which here would get the full tabloid treatment, there, thanks to *Pravda's* intervention (a letter to the newspaper is like a final appeal) falter towards a conclusion before some local committee: 19 years trying to get a flat and still not even on the waiting list. A programme so dependent upon official co-operation inevitably has a rather corseted manner, but in one marvellous moment of spontaneous accident we see *Pravda's* censor in his office, outraged at the camera's intrusion, shutting his door in the crew's face.

Pravda's current editor-in-chief Viktor Afanasyev and, on the wall, former editor Lenin: Pravda, ITV, 10.30pm

Chris Petit

Radio 1

MW (medium wave). Stereo on VHF (see below)
5.30am Nicky Campbell 7.00 Mike Smith's Breakfast Show 9.30 Simon Bates 12.30pm Newsbeat 12.45 Gary Davies 3.00 Steve Wright 5.30 Newsbeat 5.45 Bruno Brookes 7.30 Janice Long 10.00-12.00 John Peel. VHF Stereo Radios 1 and 2:- 4.00am As Radio 2 8.00 Radio Orchestra Show 9.00 The Band. (Band of HM Royal Marines, touring China and Hong Kong) 10.00pm As Radio 1 12.00-4.00am As Radio 2.

Radio 2

MW (medium wave). Stereo on VHF (see Radio 1)
News on the hour. Sports Round-Up 8.50am
4.00am Colin Berry 5.30 Ray Moore 7.30 Derek Jameson 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.00 Jimmy Young 1.05pm David Jacobs 2.00 Gloria Hunniford 3.30 Adrian Love 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 Jazz Classics in Stereo. (17) Jazz Overseas 7.30 Radio Orchestra Show 8.00 Soccer Special (Littlewoods Cup, third round) 9.30 The Band (joining vhf) 10.00 Tunes The Backers Whistled (musical flops) 10.30 Back To Square One 11.00 Round Midnight 1.00am Nightride 3.00-4.00 A Little Night Music.

WORLD SERVICE

All times are given in GMT
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Radio 3

6.55 Weather 7.00 News
7.05 Morning Concert: Chopin (Piano Concerto No 2: Zimerman, with Los Angeles PO under Carlo Maria Giulini), Haydn (Symphony No 77: Orpheus Chamber Orchestra)
8.00 News bulletin
8.05 Morning Concert (contd): Bizet (L'Arlésienne Suite No 1: RPO under Beecham), Fauré (Barcarolle No 10 in A minor, Op 104 No 2: Jean-Philippe Collard, piano), Schubert (Symphony No 1: Cologne RSO under Wand)
9.00 World Service News
9.10 This Week's Composer: Brahms. Nachtwache Op 104 No 1 (Leipzig Radio Choir), Concerto in A minor for violin, cello, and orchestra, Op 102 (Anne-Sophie Mutter, Antonio Meneses and Berlin PO under Karajan), Fest-und Gedenksprüche, Op 109 (North German Radio Choir)
10.00 Citizens of Hamburg: Telemann (Overture in C major, Hamburger Ebb' und Flut: Musica Antiqua, Cologne, under Goebel), C.P.E. Bach (Harpsichord Concerto in D major, Wq 43 No 2 (Melante 81 Orchestra under Bob van Asperen, harpsichord)
10.45 Beethoven Violin Sonatas: Mark Lubotsky (violin), Boris Berman (piano). The A, Op 30 No 1, and the G, Op 96
11.40 18th Century Sacred Music: BBC Northern Singers, with Margaret Phillips (organ), David Fletcher (cello). C.P.E. Bach (Bitten), Sarti (Fugue for eight voices), Michael Haydn (Credo, Mass for Psalm Sunday; and Ave Regina)
12.20 BBC Philharmonic, under Jean-Claude Casadesus, with Raphael Wallfisch (cello). Part one. Haydn (Symphony No 83), Milhaud (Cello Concerto No 1) 1.00 News
1.05 Concert (part two): Bizet (Symphony in C)
1.35 Guitar Encores: Evangelos and Liza play Diabelli's Romance; March, Serenade Op 63; Georginakis's Greek Memories; and Ernesto Halffter's Danza de la pastora
2.10 Bach at 40: French Suite No 5 in G (Dart, clavichord), the cantata No 84 (Agnes Giebel, soprano), and cantata No 198 (Concerto Amsterdam, under Jurgen Jurgens, with Hamburg Monteverdi Choir, and soloists including Helen Watts, Kurt Equiluz, and Rohtraud Hansmann). Also sinfonias from cantatas 249a and 42

Raphael Wallfisch: on Radio 3, 12.20pm

4.20 Debut: Wayne Marshall, at the organ of St Alban's Church, Holborn, London. Franz Schmidt's Toccata in C, Franck's Pastorale, and Dupré's Symphony No 2
5.00 World Service News
5.10 Mainly for Pleasure: recorded music selection, presented by Richard Baker 6.55 News
7.00 Esther Lamandier: the soprano sings a selection of Sephardic songs from the Balkans, Tetouan and Smyrna. They include Por una caza chica; and Y una madre
7.30 Don Juan and Faust: Peter Barnes's adaptation of Christian Dietrich Grabbe's play, written in 1829. With John Shrapnel (Don Juan), Robert Lang (Faust), Shaun Prendergast (Leporello), Tina Marian (Donna Anna) and Bruce Alexander (as the Devil)
9.15 Concert: Royal Philharmonic, under Ashkenazy. With Boris Belkin (violin). Part one. Sibelius (Symphony No 7), Prokofiev (Violin Concerto No 2)
10.10 Words: talk by John Bowen, author and playwright (r)
10.15 Concert (part two): Ravel (Mother Goose suite)
11.00 First Night: John Elsom passes judgment on Lettice and Lovage, the new play by Peter Shaffer at London's Globe Theatre
11.10 Webern and Schubert String Quartets: Franz Schubert Quartet of Vienna play Webern's Five movments, Op 5; and Schubert's G major quartet, K 887
11.57 News 12.00 Closedown

Radio 4

LW (long wave). (s) Stereo on VHF
5.55 Shipping 6.00 News Briefing; Weather 6.10 Farming 6.25 Prayer (s) 6.30 Today, incl 6.30, 7.30, 8.30 News 6.45 Business News 6.55, 7.55 Weather 7.00, 8.00 News 7.20 Letters 7.25, 8.25 Sport 7.45 Thought for the Day 8.35 Yesterday in Parliament
8.57 Weather; Travel
9.00 News
9.05 Call Nick Ross: 01-580 4411
10.00 News; Medicine Now: Geoff Watts reports on the health of medical care
10.30 Morning Story: Peploe's Maid, by David Black
10.45 Daily Service:
11.00 News; Travel; Citizens: First episode of a new serial about the lives of four imaginary families living at No 5, Limerick Road, Ditcham Heath, London SW21. Episodes can be heard every Tuesday and Thursday morning, with an omnibus edition on Saturday evenings.
11.25 From Our Own Correspondent. Reports from BBC reporters on the spot
11.50 Tales of The Loch: Bruce Sandison talks of fishing, wildlife and history with Christopher Lowell, at Toftingall Loch, Caithness
12.00 News; You And Yours: presented by Susan Rae
12.25 Round Britain Quiz: (new Series). Irene Thomas and Eric Korn challenge John Julius Norwich and Peter Oppenheimer. Gordon Clough and Louis Allen preside 12.55 Weather
1.00 The World At One
1.40 The Archers 1.55 Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Woman's Hour: introduced by Jenni Murray. Including a special feature about the Women of the Year awards ceremony.
3.00 News; Play: Catching Bullets: by Tony Bagley. With Jennifer Piercey. The story of a secret that a woman has kept for nearly 40 years. Cast also includes Steven Harrold (s)
3.30 Comparing Notes (new series):] Richard Baker invites musicians to talk about themselves and the music profession. This week, he talks to the clarinettists Jack Brymer, who has had a long career, and Emma Thompson, BBC Young Musician of the Year in 1984
4.00 News
4.05 Hailsham at 80: On the occasion of his 80th birthday earlier this month, Lord Hailsham, ex-Lord Chancellor, answered questions about his legal and political careers from John Eidinow (r)
4.30 Kaleidoscope: topics include the Maggi Hambling exhibition at the Serpentine Gallery, London (r)
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping 5.55 Weather
6.00 The Six O'Clock News, incl Financial Report
6.30 After Henry: Bittersweet comedy series about three generations of women in the same family. With Prunella Scales, Jean Sanderson and Benjamin Whitrow
7.00 News
7.05 The Archers
7.20 File on 4:
8.00 The Radio Programme: presented by Laurie Taylor. Topics include Radio Active, and A Laugh, A Tear, A Song (r)
8.30 The Lost Tribes of Bolton: A study, made in 1937, of working-class life in Bolton by Tom Harrisson and Charles Madge, who founded Mass Observation (r)
9.15 In Touch: For the visually handicapped
9.45 Kaleidoscope: presented by Michael Oliver. The items include The Living Room, at London's Royalty Theatre; and the book Katherine Mansfield, A Secret Life
10.15 A Book At Bedtime: Tarka the Otter, by Henry Williamson (7 of 10): the reader is David Davis 10.29 Weather
10.30 The World Tonight: the presenter is Alexander MacLeod
11.15 The Financial World Tonight
11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00 News; Weather 12.33 Shipping Forecast
VHF as above except: 11.00am-12.00 For Schools. 11.00 Time and Tune 11.20 Time to Move 11.40 Pictures in Your Mind 1.55-3.00pm For Schools. 1.55 Listening Corner 2.05 History Lost and Found 2.25 Mainstream GCSE (s) 5.50-5.55 PM (continued) 12.30-1.10am Schools Night-Time. Geography: Our Changing World. 12.30 Xi'an 12.50 Yichang Gorges

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RADIO CHOICE

John Shrapnel: R3, 7.30pm

● No drama can be said to be wholly unimaginative if it incorporates a scene in which Don Juan and Faust fly like birds to an ice palace on top of Mont Blanc where, in rooms carpeted with wall-to-wall diamonds, they squabble like fishwives over which of them shall possess a hijacked Donna Anna. And no early 19th century play can be said to lack a contemporary feel if, at the end of a hot-tempered sequence in which the duelling Don has thrust his sword through the bodies of a bride's Iberian father and her prospective husband, the officiating priest surveys the dear departed and muses: "I suppose this is what Spaniards call a blood wedding!" As to the latter quote, we can safely assume that this is Peter Barnes's very free translation of what was actually said in German in Christian Dietrich Grabbe's original version of **Don Juan and Faust** (Radio 3, 7.30pm). But the confrontation between mythical necromancer (played by Robert Lang) and womanizer (John Shrapnel) is Grabbe's invention and the plotting of their respective descents into Hell owes little or nothing to either Goethe or Mozart. Leporello and the Devil also appear, but considerably amended.

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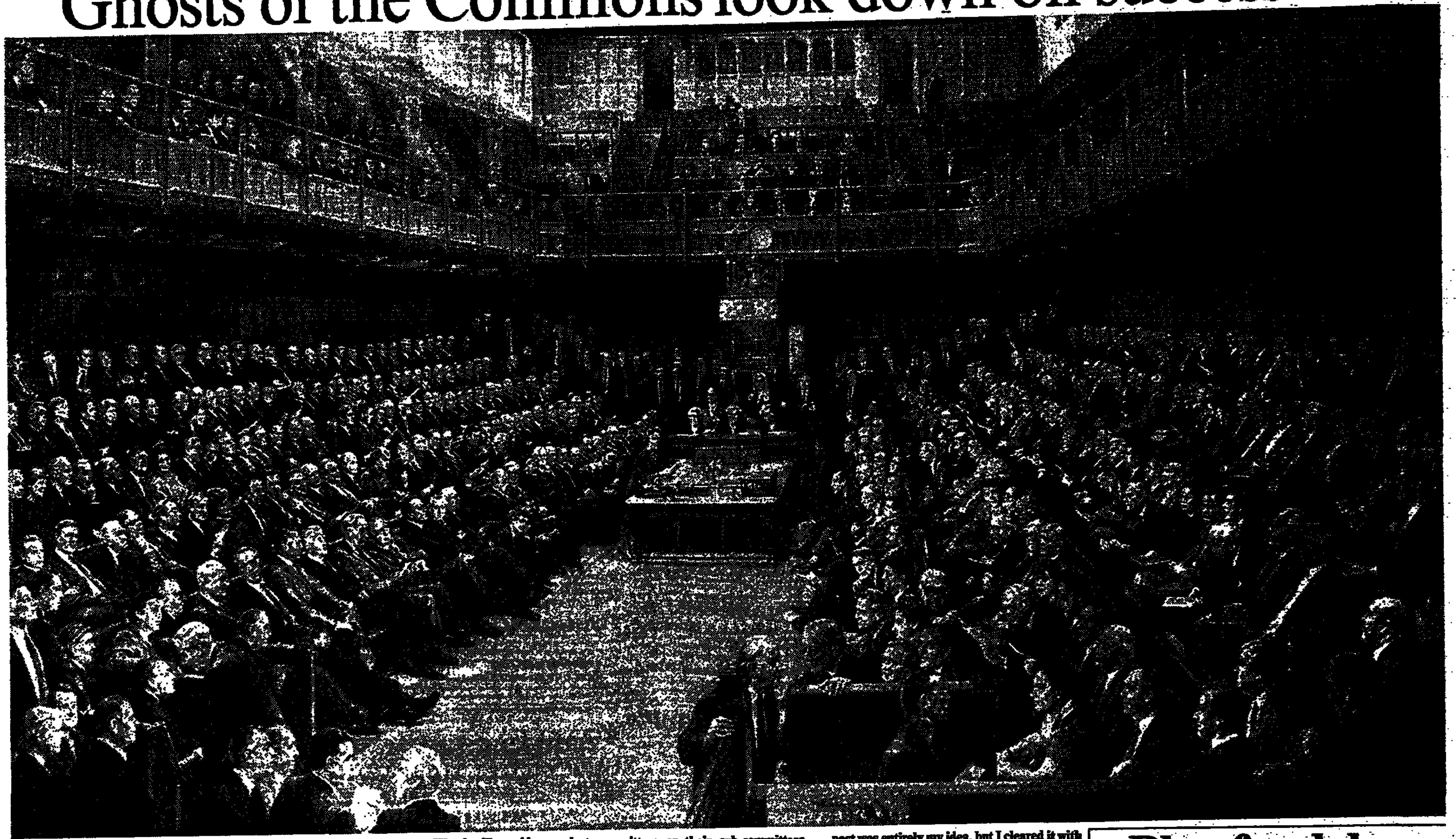
Ghosts of the Commons look down on successors



The ghosts of 13 past parliamentarians look down on a packed House of Commons in a new portrait by June Mendoza, the first official portrait to be commissioned by the House since 1893.

Miss Mendoza, who spent 15 months on the painting, believes that their presence can still be felt in today's chamber.

In the gallery on the left are the figures of Aneurin Bevan, Oliver Cromwell, Clement Attlee, Joseph Chamberlain, Lloyd George, Charles Fox, John Wilkes, William Gladstone, Harold Macmillan, Winston Churchill, Pitt the Younger, John Pym, and Benjamin Disraeli. All are as recognizable as more than 400 contemporary figures of MPs, officials and reporters in the Press Gallery.

Mr Patrick Cormack, MP, chairman of the steering group which organized the portrait, presented the painting formally to the Speaker, Mr Bernard Weatherill, yesterday.

The painting shows Mr Weatherill presiding at Question Time on an unspecified Tuesday or Thursday during July, 1986. The Prime Minister, Mrs Margaret Thatcher, is answering questions, with Mr Neil Kinnock, Leader of the Opposition, leaning forward eagerly to catch every word of her reply above the undoubted hubbub.

The exact date cannot be specified, indeed it is unlikely that all those depicted in the painting will have been present on any one occasion. The whole painting is the view from the main Stranger's Gallery.

It shows the Cabinet and shadow cabinet, the deputy speakers, leaders of all parties and MPs who first entered the House in 1970 or earlier, MPs elected by October 1974 who had said they would retire at the general election in June, designated whips of Government and Opposition, and any members of the House of Commons Commission, and chairmen of select committees or their sub-committees. Other MPs portrayed were chosen by ballots of their respective parties.

The painting also shows notable parliamentarians who have died, such as Mr David Penhaligon and Mr John Silkin; or others who have left, such as Sir James Callaghan, who has gone to the House of Lords, and Mr Enoch Powell, who was defeated at the election. Mr John Biffen, Leader of the House at the time, is now on the back benches, like others in leading positions in the painting.

Miss Mendoza took several photographs of all her subjects so that she could paint them into their appropriate position.

"On one occasion I ran out of film and had to go and get another while I left some MPs waiting. One of them was decidedly grumpy.

"Adding the great parliamentarians of the past was entirely my idea, but I cleared it with Mr Speaker. I hope the MPs of today will like the idea".

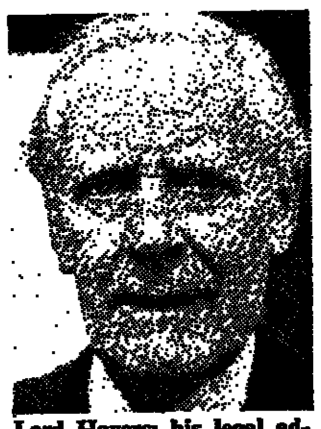
Miss Mendoza, whose work involved about 60 trips between Westminster and her attic studio in Wimbledon, confessed that some members of her family had been included among the "strangers" watching proceedings from one of the side galleries.

Mr Weatherill disclosed that one row of MPs had had to be repainted because one MP had not liked the MP depicted next to him. He added that the artist's lips were forever sealed about the identity of those MPs.

Some MPs disappointed at being left out of the official portrait are to be depicted in another portrait being organized by a committee of MPs. They will be seen at work and chatting in the Library of the House.

The cost of the painting is being met by sale of reproductions. (Photograph: Tim Bishop).

Man who steered straight through the eye of the storm



Lord Havers: his legal advice was always respected.

By Robin Oakley
Political Editor

There has been no time to judge the performance of Lord Havers, forced by indifferent health to leave as Lord Chancellor after four months.

However, as the longest-serving Attorney General since 1737, holding the post from the 1979 election until June, the former Sir Michael Havers was rarely far from the eye of the storm.

He was the man who had to prosecute those who leaked the Government's secrets, a task he undertook generally with the enthusiasm of an old-fashioned clubman with a gut feeling that revealing secrets is letting down the side.

His legal advice was always respected, his political judgment was sometimes held to be faulty.

What no one questioned was his courage and integrity. He has been one of the truly straight men of politics.

It was Lord Havers who insisted, to the horror of his fellow ministers, on a leak inquiry being held after the Westland affair.

He threatened to have the police sent into Number 10 Downing Street if it was not done.

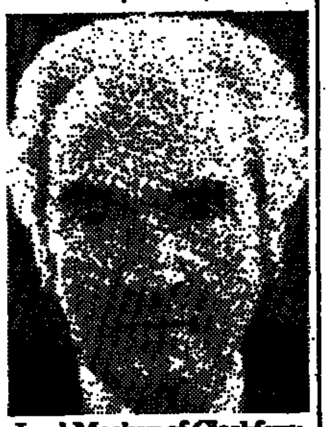
When Sir Robert Armstrong tried to pin the blame in an Australian court on the Attorney General for initiating the *Spycatcher* affair, Sir Michael protested so vociferously that the Cabinet Secretary was forced to go back to court and withdraw.

Part of the difficulty was that Lord Havers was serving a Government and a Prime Minister who did not always understand the nature of his job as well as he did.

He became a barrister in 1948 and in 1970 entered the Commons as MP for Wimbledon. He became Attorney General when the Tories came to power in 1979

It was Lord Havers who prosecuted Sarah Tisdall, the Foreign Office clerk who leaked a letter on cruise missiles in a case which helped to bring the workings of section two of the Official Secrets Act into disrepute.

It was his role too to intensify the damage with the unsuccessful prosecution of Clive Ponting, the Ministry of Defence Civil Servant who leaked details of the Belgrano affair.



Lord Mackay of Clashfern: the new Lord Chancellor

Plea for delay in BP sell-off

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slump in the FTSE-100 index, that financial markets were displaying their well known tendency to overshoot.

"The electronic automation and globalization of the herd instinct is not an impressive sight.

"The fact that the United States suffers from its twin deficits and rapidly growing foreign indebtedness no doubt explains why the worldwide fall began on Wall Street.

"What is less readily explicable is why the London market should be following (and attempting to second-guess) Wall Street quite so slavishly."

Mr Lawson said that the British economy was in its healthiest state since the war, and that present share price falls had to be seen in the context of a real trebling of prices in both London and New York over the past five years.

The Chancellor said that there was no reason why the stock markets falls should produce a world recession.

"What is not required in current world circumstances, however, is either a lurch into protectionism or undue monetary tightening. It was this which, quite unnecessarily, turned the 1929 Wall Street crash into the depression of the 1930s." he said.

Mr Lawson said that, while this lesson had been learned: "It would certainly be helpful if the German monetary authorities were to show more obvious awareness of this."

A row between the US Treasury Secretary, Mr James Baker, and the German authorities sparked off the sharp falls in stock markets around the world.

Last week Mr Lawson criticised Mr Baker. But it is also clear that, following the half-point cut in base rates in Britain on Friday, Mr Lawson feels that the German Bundesbank should be acting to cut interest rates.

Mr Lawson said that in spite of present stock market difficulties he still believed "profoundly in the market economy." He also said that the Government would press on with its policy of encouraging the small investor. He urged the City to do more to open its doors to small investors.

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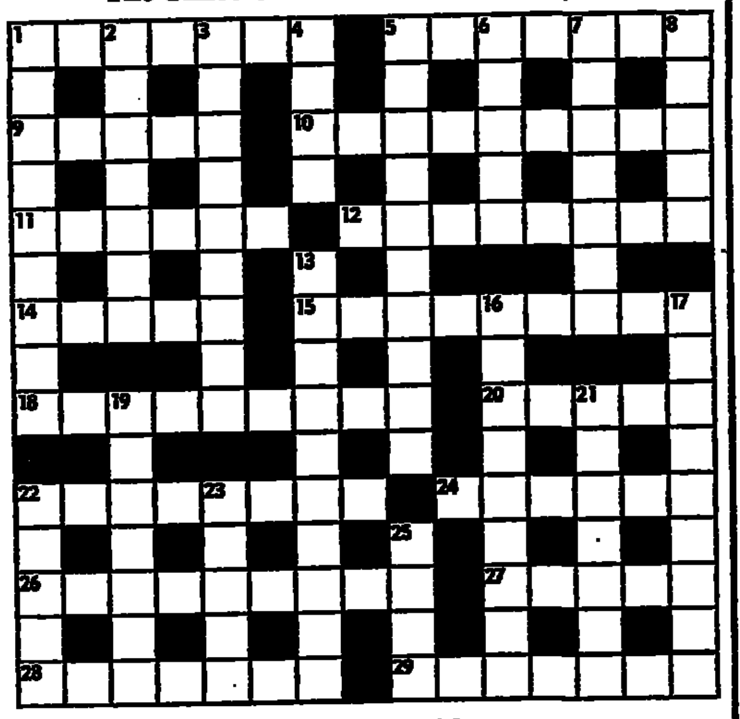

ACROSS

1 Fabulous creature Oberon heard riding on a dolphin (7).
5 Girl holds key to the English craft of wickerwork (7).
9 Lightweight woman first to perform on stage (5).
10 Soothing agency in new motel? Right (9).
11 Cheat by overcharging by half on beer (6).
12 Ninevite appearing in the role of Damascene? (8).
14 Steps taken in the rejection of 25 murals (5).
15 Salmon-spear outside church in this city (9).
18 Moderate Russian soldiers? An Arab chief arrested five (9).
20 Dress a river fish (5).
22 Sad tale of politician kept back by new boss (3-5).
24 Unusual, we note, for an oppidan (6).
26 In which one must always be properly dressed (9).
27 Expect a visitor at Christmas (5).
28 Commission unobtainable by Lothario (4-3).
29 White horse, possibly, causing damage (7).

DOWN

1 Realm most devastated by turbulent confusion (9).
2 Student is surrounded by lots of paper — it's true to nature (7).
3 Original manuscript sought from a celebrity, perhaps (9).
4 Pre-arranged contest of the French and the Spanish (4).
5 When single-handed, you can dine off these (10).
6 Mass meeting of everyone carried by trains (5).
7 He keeps medicinal items initially in a box (7).
8 Egyptian goddess with name for having scoffed (5).
13 Road junction provided for part of the plant (6-4).
16 Detailed work in America covered by 8, mostly (9).
17 Poet's version of The Merry Saint (9).
19 One pound raised in prison for the club (7).
21 Search thoroughly for smuggled wine (7).
22 A flight member's fixed gaze, by the sound of it (5).
23 Fuss about new painting (5).
25 Attempt to upset sportsmen (4).

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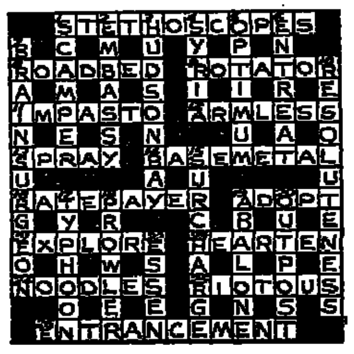
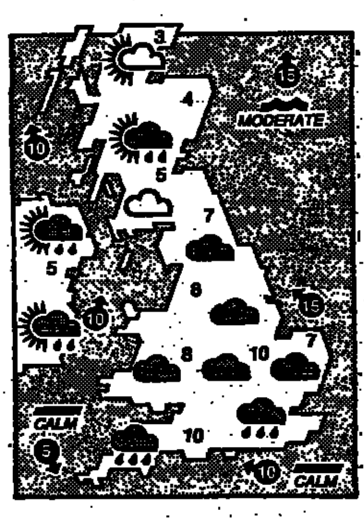


WEATHER

A warm front over southern England will move north, while the cold front over northern England and Wales will weaken. Scotland and Northern Ireland will have a few early mist or fog patches tomorrow morning, soon clearing to leave sunny spells, though there may be quite a few showers in western areas, *especially along the coast*. Southern England will start cloudy with outbreaks of sometimes heavy rain. This will gradually spread to the rest of England and Wales. Mist and fog patches are likely at first, especially in central England. Outlook: Most of the country will be dry with sunny spells on Wednesday. Cloudy weather with outbreaks of rain in south-east England will spread to central and southern districts on Thursday.

AM



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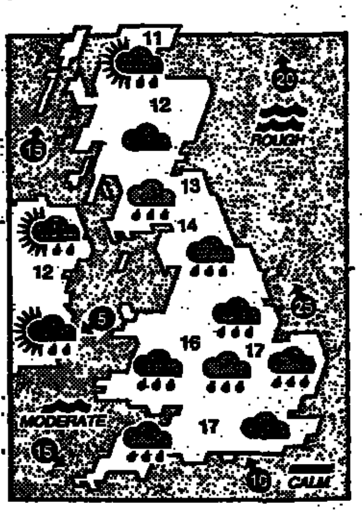

ABROAD

MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow; t, thunder.

		C	F			C	F
Ajaccio	s	24	75	Madrid	f	21	70
Akrotiri	s	24	75	Majorca	s	31	88
Alex'dria	f	25	77	Malaga	c	21	70
Algiers	s	35	95	Malta	s	27	81
Amst'dm	s	10	50	Melb'rne	s	22	72
Athens	s	22	72	Mexico C*	s	18	64
Bahrain	s	33	91	Miami*	f	29	84
Barbads*	r	26	79	Milan	c	17	63
Belgrade	c	12	54	Montreal*	c	3	37
Berlin	s	9	48	Moscow	s	2	36
Bermuda*	s	27	81	Munich	r	7	45
Biarritz	f	18	64	Nairobi	f	18	64
Borde'x	f	18	64	Naples	s	27	81
Brussels	c	10	50	N Delhi	s	30	86
Budapst	f	13	55	N York*	s	14	57
B Aires*	d	17	63	Nice	s	23	73
Cairo	f	26	79	Oslo	f	5	41
Cape Tn	s	24	75	Paris	c	13	55
Chicago*	s	11	52	Perth	c	21	70
Cologne	s	11	52	Prague	f	7	45
C'phagn	c	9	48	Reykjvik	r	4	39
Corfu	f	22	72	Rhodes	s	23	73
Dublin	s	11	52	Rio de J	c	26	79
Dubrovnik	s	23	73	Riyadh	s	33	91
Faro	c	19	66	Rome	s	25	77
Florence	f	22	72	Salzburg	r	9	48
Frankfurt	c	9	48	S Frisco*	s	19	66
Funchal	f	18	64	Santiago*	f	20	68
Geneva	c	14	57	Seoul	s	19	66
Gibraltar	f	19	66	Sing'por	f	33	91
Helsinki	c	6	43	St'kholm	c	5	41
Hong K	f	26	79	Strasb'rg	c	9	48
Innsbrck	r	11	52	Tel aviv	f	24	75
Istanbul	s	15	59	Tenerife	c	22	72
Jeddah	s	31	88	Tokyo	c	17	63
Jo'burg*	th	24	75	Toronto*	s	8	46
Karachi	s	34	93	Tunis	s	32	90
L Palmas	f	23	73	Valencia	f	21	70
Le Tquet	c	10	50	Vanc'ver*	d	12	54
Lisbon	s	19	66	Venice	c	17	63
Locarno	f	15	59	Warsaw	c	7	45
L Angels*	s	22	72	Wash'ton*	s	15	59
Luxembg	c	8	46	Zurich	c	11	52

* denotes Sunday's figures are latest available

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	F	
Scarboro	2.8	-	11	52	bright
Bridlington	4.4	-	11	52	bright
Cromer	1.3	-	12	54	cloudy
Lowestoft	0.5	-	11	52	rain
Clacton	-	-	12	54	cloudy
Southend	-	-	13	55	dull
Margate	-	-	12	54	dull
Folkestone	-	-	12	54	cloudy
Hastings	-	-	13	55	cloudy
Eastbourne	-	-	13	55	dull
Worthing	-	-	13	55	dull
Littlehmptn	0.2	-	13	55	cloudy
Bognor R	0.2	-	13	55	cloudy
Southsea	-	-	13	55	cloudy
Sandown	-	-	13	55	dull
Bournemth	-	-	13	55	cloudy
Poole	-	-	13	55	dull
Swanage	-	-	13	55	cloudy
Weymouth	-	-	13	55	cloudy
Exmouth	2.5	-	14	57	bright
Teignmouth	1.8	-	14	57	bright
Torquay	2.8	-	13	55	sunny
Penzance	0.4	.12	13	55	rain
Scilly Isles	-	.17	13	55	rain
Jersey	2.4	-	14	57	cloudy
Guernsey	-	-	15	59	cloudy
Newquay	0.1	.05	*		rain
Ilfracombe	*	-	14	57	bright
Minehead	3.0	-	14	57	bright
B'pool Airpt	2.5	-	12	54	bright
Morecambe	1.6	-	12	54	cloudy
Douglas	*	.07	11	52	rain
B'ham Airpt	3.6	-	13	55	bright
Bristol (Ctrl)	0.3	-	13	55	cloudy
Carlisle	-	.01	12	54	rain
London	-	-	13	55	cloudy
Manchester	2.9	-	12	54	bright
N'cstl-n-Tyne	0.2	-	11	52	cloudy
Nottingham	1.2	-	12	54	cloudy
Anglesey	0.3	.20	12	54	rain
Cardiff (Ctrl)	3.2	-	13	55	cloudy
Colwyn Bay	1.7	-	14	57	cloudy
Tenby	1.0	.01	13	55	cloudy
Aberdeen	2.4	-	10	50	cloudy
Aviemore	2.8	.22	10	50	shower
Edinburgh	2.4	-	11	52	cloudy
Eskdalemuir	-	.12	8	46	rain
Glasgow	3.9	.08	13	55	rain
Kinloss	4.2	.01	13	55	rain
Lerwick	-	.21	10	50	rain
Prestwick	2.9	.05	13	55	rain
Stornoway	-	1.06	9	48	rain
Tiree	4.5	1.18	11	52	shower
Wick	2.0	.01	11	52	rain
Belfast	5.6	.02	12	54	sunny

* Denotes figures not available

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HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	4.13	6.8	4.34	6.9
Aberdeen	3.45	4.1	4.00	4.0
Avonmouth	10.42	11.9	10.04	11.5
Belfast	1.23	3.4	1.41	3.4
Cardiff	9.27	11.0	9.49	10.7
Devonport	8.01	5.2	8.26	4.9
Dover	1.06	6.3	1.23	6.2
Falmouth	7.31	5.0	7.56	4.7
Glasgow	3.05	4.8	3.23	4.8
Harwich	2.09	3.8	2.29	3.9
Holyhead	12.29	5.3	12.53	5.3
Hull	8.47	6.9	9.03	6.7
Ilfracombe	8.22	8.5	8.46	8.2
Leith	5.08	5.3	5.29	5.1
Liverpool	1.24	8.9	1.47	8.8
Lowestoft	—	—	12.05	2.4
Margate	2.13	4.6	2.39	4.7
Milford Haven	8.40	6.5	9.04	6.2
Newquay	7.32	6.6	7.57	6.3
Oban	8.01	3.6	8.15	3.5
Penzance	7.04	5.3	7.31	4.9
Portland	9.26	2.0	9.51	1.8
Portsmouth	1.53	4.4	2.08	4.4
Shoreham	1.25	5.9	1.42	5.9
Southampton	1.08	4.3	1.26	4.3
Swansea	8.42	9.0	9.05	8.6
Tees	6.11	5.1	6.25	5.0
W'ton-on-Nze	1.59	4.1	2.22	4.1

Tide measured in metres: 1m=3.2808ft. Times are GMT

THE POUND

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.45	2.33
Austria Sch	21.85	20.75
Belgium Fr	65.05	61.85
Canada $	2.30	2.19
Denmark Kr	11.95	11.35
Finland Mkk	7.59	7.19
France Fr	10.37	9.87
Germany Dm	3.11	2.95
Greece Dr	240	225
Hong Kong $	13.60	12.90
Ireland Pt	1.162	1.102
Italy Lira	2235	2125
Japan Yen	250	238
Netherlands Gld	3.49	3.32
Norway Kr	11.50	10.90
Portugal Esc	245.50	233.50
South Africa Rd	4.15	3.45
Spain Pta	200.25	190.25
Sweden Kr	11.05	10.50
Switzerland Fr	2.58	2.43
USA $	1.76	1.68
Yugoslavia Dnr	1770	1520

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques.

Retail Price Index: 102.4 (September).

London: The *FT* index closed down 89.7 at 1307.1 .

LIGHTING-UP TIME

London 5.14 pm to 6.16 am
Bristol 5.24 pm to 6.26 am
Edinburgh 5.15 pm to 6.40 am
Manchester 5.18 pm to 6.29 am
Penzance 5.38 pm to 6.34 am

LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 13C (55F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 7C (45F) Humidity: 6 pm, 90 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, trace Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, nil Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1019.7 millibars, rising
1,000 millibars=29.53in.

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

		C	F			C	F
Belfast	c	10	50	Guernsey	c	12	54
B'mgham	f	11	52	Inverness	r	11	52
Blackpool	s	10	50	Jersey	f	13	55
Bristol	c	12	54	London	c	11	52
Cardiff	c	13	55	M'chster	s	11	52
Edinburgh	s	11	52	Newcastle	c	9	48
Glasgow	c	11	52	R'nldsway	r	11	52

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 12C (54F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 7C (45F) Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, nil Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 2.9hr.

Sun rises: 6.44 am
Sun sets: 4.44 pm
Moon rises 12.56 pm
Moon sets 7.26 pm
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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Sunday: Highest day temp: Ventnor, Isle of Wight, 16C (61F) ; lowest day max: Cape Wrath, Highland 9C (48F) ; highest rainfall: Diabaig, Highland, 0.98in; highest sunshine: Brighton, East Sussex and Penzance, Cornwall, 9.2hr.

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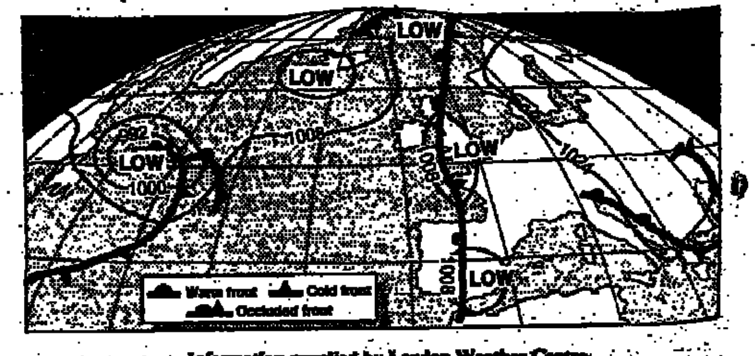

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Executive Editor
Kenneth Fleet

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
1307.1 (-89.7)
FT-SE 100
1684.1 (-111.1)
Bargains
57989 (74661)
USM (Datastream)
161.21 (-21.09)

THE POUND

US dollar
1.6880 (+0.0100)
W German mark
2.9962 (-0.0057)
Trade-weighted
74.1 (+0.6)

S&N wins the battle for Brown

Scottish & Newcastle Breweries has won control of Matthew Brown, the Blackburn brewer. Its £195 million bid went unconditional last night, with S&N claiming acceptances giving it more than 54 per cent of Matthew Brown.

The news came as a bitter disappointment to the Matthew Brown board, whose defence strategy was left in tatters by the slump in share prices over the past 10 days.

The 750p-a-share cash bid became an offer that holders could not refuse.

Lucas climbs

Lucas, the engineering group, reported annual pretax profits of £114.5 million to end-July, well ahead of forecasts. The shares fell 27p to 499p. Fully diluted earnings per share rose 53p to 61.1p.

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£1m profits

Interim turnover at Underwoods, the London retail chemist chain, was up 27 per cent to £26 million, but pretax profits were a disappointing £1 million.

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Higher payout

McKechnie, the plastics, metals and consumer products group, is raising the final dividend by 17 per cent to 8.2p a share, making 11.5p (10p), after achieving pretax profits of £27.6 million

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SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS

New York	
Dow Jones	1800.23 (-150.53)*
Tokyo	
Nikkei Average	22202.56 (-1096.2)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	2241.69 (-1120.70)
Amsterdam: Gen	229.3 (-17.8)
Sydney: AO	1413.0 (-108.0)
Frankfurt:	
Commerzbank	1569.2 (-97.5)
Brussels:	
General	4317.9 (-306.5)
Paris: CAC	318.9 (-30.7)
Zurich: SKA Gen	460.70 (-70.9)
London:	
FT.—A All-Share	863.73 (-66.6)
FT.—"500"	948.70 (-71.54)
FT. Gold Mines	350.5 (-35.9)
FT. Fixed interest	93.42 (+1.46)
FT. Govt Secs	89.68 (+2.18)
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MAIN PRICE CHANGES

FALLS:	
Midland	343p (-60p)
WPP Holdings	460p (-120p)
Standard Chart.	468p (-75p)
ICI	1070p (-83p)
Williams	209p (-50p)
British Aerospace	345p (-54p)
Inchcape	533p (-67p)
Jaguar	328p (-70p)
Reuters	463p (-79p)
Matthew Brown	668p (-61p)
Really Useful	510p (-55p)
Tyndall Holdings	193p (-60p)
Morgan Grenfell	270p (-79p)
Cable & Wireless	270p (-42p)
Rothmans	318p (-55p)
Mersey Docks	280p (-50p)
OTT	283p (-52p)
Pearson	695p (-65p)
RISES:	
Smith New Court	228p (+18p)
Irish Distillers	220p (+25p)

Prices are as at 4pm

INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 9½%
3-month Interbank 9^{5}_{16}-9¼%
3-month eligible bills: 8^{15}_{16}-8⅞%
buying rate
US: Prime Rate 9%
Federal Funds 7⅛%*
3-month Treasury Bills 5.05-5.03%*
30-year bonds 98^{31}_{32}-99*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.6880	£: $1.6890*
£: DM2.9962	$: DM1.7740*
£: SwFr2.4771	$: SwFr1.4610*
£: FFr10.0436	$: FFr5.9465*
£: Yen239.95	$: Yen142.10*
£: Index:74.1	$: Index:99.6
ECU £0.691987	SDR £n/a

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $474.85 pm-$475.00
close $475.75-476.50 (£282.00-282.50)
New York:
Comex $476.10-476.90*

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Dec) pm $18.90 bbl ($19.08)
* Denotes latest trading price

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Big Bang anniversary: a year of revolution and growth

Sir Nicholas: 'optimistic about wider share ownership'

By Sir Nicholas Goodison, Chairman of the International Stock Exchange

The events of the past 10 days have cast a shadow over the anniversary of Big Bang, but they should not blind us to the great improvements made to the London stock market which will remain long after last week's events have passed into the history books.

It has been a year of revolution and growth on London's stock market. In 12 months, our Exchange became the first major exchange to transfer its trading in equities and government bonds from a physical floor to an electronic display and telephone dealing network; and it became the world's first truly international exchange.

London has resumed its traditional role as a centre for international securities trading. That is an historic development, true to the international tradition of this nation and this City. The barriers between national securities markets are being progressively dismantled.

Our exchange had the ambition and the drive to make itself pre-eminent as the major securities market in its time zone. In the past 12 months it has attained and consolidated that objective. I cannot think of any other major British institution that has altered itself so fundamentally. The Exchange has done it in order to seize a commercial opportunity for this country.

Last November, the London Stock Exchange agreed to merge with the International Securities Regulatory Organisation, an association of major international securities houses. From this marriage was born the International Stock Exchange, which thus combines the virtues of the old London Stock Exchange with the global reach and strong capitalization of the biggest banks and securities houses from around the world.

This new creation is truly international — in its membership, its governing body and its trading. Seventy-five of its member firms are owned by non-British houses. A majority of the members of its governing Council are employed by non-British houses. Trade in non-British equities done on the Exchange is already 50 per cent of the trade in British equities, and there are more market-makers in non-British than in British equities. There is no other major exchange in the world that can quote parallel figures.

London has long been the world's foremost centre for international banking, foreign exchange dealing and the Eurobond market. The factors that gave it pre-eminence in these fields will ensure that more companies will see their shares traded more heavily on our exchange than on any other, apart from their own national exchange. More international companies will raise equity capital through London. More international investors will invest in equity capital through London.

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The application of new technology has played a key role in our pursuit of this goal. Our systems for displaying prices in equities and gilts — SEAQ (Stock Exchange Automatic Quotations) on the domestic front and SEAQ International for overseas stocks — have demonstrated their worth. During the market swings last week, they proved robust and coped with a record number of price changes which on one day even exceeded their planned capacity.

We have created a visible, competitive and accessible market in which it is possible to make large deals. As a result, more business — and more jobs — has been created in London as our new systems and expanding marketplace have attracted investors from across the world. London's turnover in some overseas stocks via SEAQ International now equals or exceeds the turnover in these stocks in their home markets. This has not been to the detriment of trade in those markets: we believe that our presence has focused attention on those stocks and markets and increased the overall level of business.

The benefits gained from the new systems have been substantial.

First, transaction costs in the market have been reduced. Institutional investors' commissions have fallen by 40 to 50 per cent while much business is now being done between institutional client and market-maker at no commission.

Second, competition in the market has increased. There are far more market-makers than there were before Big Bang, and they are quoting fiercely competitive prices.

As a result of this sharper competition, the touch in the

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Government poised to shelve BP sale

By David Young, Energy Correspondent

The Government is expected to announce today that the BP share sale — the largest in the history of the world stock markets and the most important element of its privatization programme — is to be shelved.

The "termination" — the word being used by merchant bankers last night — of the £7.2 billion share sale will be a big blow to the Government, which to date has been largely successful in its privatization programme.

It has created a new breed of small investor who has made profitable investments in companies such as British Gas, British Telecom, TSB Group and British Airways.

They have seen quick returns on their investment and up to a week ago 6 million had announced their intention to buy into BP, and seemed likely to make instant profits of about 30 per cent.

Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor, is expected to announce to Parliament today that the sale is being abandoned after representations from the world financial community which has underwritten the sale.

He is expected to suggest that the sale is being abandoned at this stage because of the effect it would have on the world markets as a whole, not because of any requests from individual companies who stand to face considerable losses — four US banks each face losses of £56 million, as well as each having to hold on to 120 million BP shares which at present are unlikely to find buyers.

The Government's 31.5 per cent holding in the company is on offer at 330p while the present stock market price is hovering at around 266p.

The financial institutions who have underwritten the issue stand to be left holding the 2,194 million shares on offer, as well as having a collective underwriting loss of well over £800 million.

Richardson: put together underwriting package

Lawson: expected to make announcement today

They have now asked for the Treasury to reconsider the matter and it is understood that Mr Lawson, or his deputy Mr Norman Lamont, will announce the government decision in Parliament today.

Last night the Treasury was meeting the financial advisers to the sale, but was still telling the financial community that the schedule remains unchanged. However, the Government has until 2.30pm on Friday afternoon, when trading in the BP shares on sale is due to start, to cancel the issue.

Applications are due to close at 10am tomorrow but applicants will have their money refunded if the sale is cancelled — although the financial community will have to carry the cost of any losses made up to the point when the sale is formally halted.

Mr Tony Alt, the director of merchant bankers NM Rothschild credited with putting together the BP sale package, saw the Treasury yesterday. He had been asked to put forward the views of the financial institutions who have underwritten the issue. He told Mr Lawson that they had asked him to reconsider the matter — not because of any individual concern about meeting their underwriting losses, but because of the effect the flop of the issue would have in world markets as a whole.

The British underwriters have invoked a clause in the BP offer for sale document which says: "The Offer For Sale Underwriting Agreement contains *inter alia*, certain conditions and provisions for termination in the event of a material change in relevant circumstances."

Ironically, Mr Michael Richardson, the NM Rothschild managing director, who put the underwriting package together, said that it had been the smoothest underwriting exercise he could recall.

Dow falls further on renewed anxiety

From Charles Bremner
New York

Share prices dived again on Wall Street yesterday, pushed downwards by the new plunge in London and the Far East and continuing fears in America that the worst may still be coming.

After stabilizing for the last two days of the week, the Dow Jones industrial average dropped more than 100 points in the first 40 minutes of trading before bouncing back briefly and then resuming its fall towards the 1,820-mark. It finally closed at 1793.93, down 156.83.

By mid-morning, volume was at a brisk 142.67 million shares. The market closed two hours early at 2pm, under a decision by the stock exchange last week.

Traders, many of whom had spent the weekend trying to catch up on the huge backlog, took their lead of the markets in Tokyo and London. They were also influenced by forecasts from analysts who say that the decline threatens to curb consumption and push the economy into a full recession.

"You can call this controlled carnage, as opposed to last Monday's uncontrolled carnage," said one trader.

Overall, declining issues in New York outnumbered advancing shares by about 13 to 1, with 1,584 down, 122 up and 163 unchanged.

Among prominent losers were IBM, which dropped 6¼ to 114 1/2, General Electric down 3 to 43⅝ and Ford Motor down 4 to 70.

President and Congress seek a budget deal

From Bailey Morris, Washington

President Reagan and Congressional leaders concluded their first "Council of War" on the US budget deficit yesterday with a firm commitment to achieving a political compromise on spending priorities that could include revenue increases.

The White House meeting, held as share prices continued to plummet on nervous markets, represented a significant political breakthrough in the six-year battle between the Administration and Congress over US fiscal policy.

Both sides were aware that a collapse of the talks would have devastated international financial markets.

Notably absent were the critical statements and bouts of political name-calling that have marred other meetings between Mr Reagan and the Democratic leadership in Congress.

Both sides agreed there would be no specific targets or deadlines, but they would do their best. The meeting was primarily a scene-setting conference in which each side took the political measure of the other.

Mr Reagan and his economic advisers met the leaders of Congress for slightly more than an hour and concluded that a compromise could be achieved. They agreed to appoint working groups that would meet again this afternoon to begin work on the nuts and bolts of a compromise.

Preliminary talks will be held on Capitol Hill. When the President becomes directly involved, the talks will shift to the White House. The House and Senate will each be represented by three Democrats and two Republicans. The Administration team will be led by Mr James Baker, the Treasury Secretary, Mr Howard Baker, the White House chief of staff, Mr James Miller, director of the Office of Management and the Budget, and Mr Frank Carlucci, National Security Adviser.

Mr James Wright, Speaker of the House of Representatives, said all agreed that "everything was on the table" with the exception of social security payments to the elderly.

Separately, the White House has indicated that Mr Reagan will agree to a programme of undisclosed new revenues and "loophole" closures, a term that has become a euphemism for tax increases.

Mr Beryl Sprinkel, chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers, said prior to the meeting that a recession was not likely, despite the near certainty of a slowdown in consumer spending. He spoke as US Commerce Department figures revealed a sharp slowdown in consumer spending last month, despite a rise in spendable income of $25.4 billion, or 0.7 per cent. Spending fell in September by $16.1 billion, 0.5 per cent, a larger reduction than expected.

CBI set to debate impact of SE dive

By Edward Townsend, Industrial Correspondent

The Confederation of British Industry is preparing for an emergency debate on the stock market crash at the CBI annual conference which opens in Glasgow on Monday.

CBI officials said a last-minute resolution on the impact on industry of the collapse of share prices was probable and it might have to drop one of the scheduled debates to allow business leaders to discuss the crisis.

One of the leading issues to be debated at the 1½-day conference is the report from the high-powered City-industry task force, formed by Sir David Nickson, CBI president. It concluded, after a year of investigation, that the complaints from industrialists of "short-termism" by institutional investors were largely unfounded. The biggest problem was a lack of communication between companies and potential investors.

Many company bosses may not accept the findings — with millions of pounds wiped off share prices — and some are likely to criticize the City for being out of touch.

BP, one of the CBI's biggest members, would make no contribution to any debate on the share price collapse because of legal constraints, a spokesman said yesterday.

Last week, Mr John Banham, the CBI director-general, attacked the "computer-induced panic" of the City which, he said, had nothing to do with the real world.

Today the CBI's quarterly industrial trends survey will show that industry and commerce are still optimistic.

Pressure mounts for base rate cut

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

Pressure for a further reduction in base rates mounted yesterday, as the pound strengthened and the equity market again fell sharply. Money market interest rates opened nearly half a point lower than the level established on Friday, in the expectation that the Bank of England would allow base rates to fall again after Friday's cut from 10 to 9.5 per cent.

But the Bank refused to sanction a cut in rates so soon after Friday's reduction. The move does not, however, preclude a cut in base rates in the next few days.

"The feeling is that if the equity market is sharply down again tomorrow, the pressure for another base rate cut could be irresistible," said Mr John Shepperd, economist at Warburg Securities.

The three-month interbank rate, having dropped initially to just above 9 per cent, ended at 9^{5}_{16}-9¼ per cent, around a quarter of a point down on Friday's closing level.

On the currency markets, the dollar closed lower on the day, in spite of intervention to support it by both the Bundesbank and the Bank of England. It fell by 1.4 pfennigs to DM1.7714, and from Y142.70 to Y142.15. The pound rose to nearly $1.70 before the Bank's intervention, closing at $1.6880, a cent up on Friday's close.

The pound ended at exactly DM3, up by over a pfennig, and the sterling index rose by 0.6 points to 74.1.

Hong Kong's 'Niagara Falls'

From Stephen Leather, Hong Kong

The Hong Kong stock market crashed yesterday, when a 1,126 point fall in the Hang Seng index — a third of its value — knocked about HK$200 billion (£15.5 billion) off the Crown Colony's shares.

The sharp fall in the market, after its four-day suspension, dragged down the futures market, which the government had to bail out with a HK$2 billion rescue package over the weekend. The plunging index triggered the suspension of November and December contracts once prices had dropped by the daily limit of 300.

The fall in share prices, which took the index down to 2,242, its lowest level since November 1986, came despite a series of measures the government had hoped would prop up the market. Prime rates were cut 1 per cent to 7.5 per cent over the weekend, and the government called in Hambros merchant bank to put together a package of loans that would keep the futures exchange afloat if there were massive defaults.

"It was like Niagara Falls," one shell-shocked broker said. "People were dumping stock as fast as they could, it was awful."

The extent of the fall was greater than most expected, as some brokers had thought the market might escape with a fall of between 500 to 600.

Mr Ronald Li, the stock exchange chairman, — who suspended the exchange and the futures market last Tuesday — said the crash was based on "psychological factors" and he expected share prices to "fluctuate wildly" in the next few days.

In an effort to help small shareholders, Mr Tony Nicolle, the Banking Commissioner, yesterday appealed for banks and deposit-taking companies to take a "sympathetic and constructive approach" to customers who have borrowed to buy shares.

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He said if customers were forced to sell shares to meet margin requirements it would "exacerbate the pressures on the market.

"It would therefore be helpful to markets if banks were able where possible to take account of the overall credit-worthiness of their customers when considering compliance with the specific terms of borrowing facilties,"he said.

Leading businessmen were given a boost by the Securities Commission, which announced that it would bend the rules and allow them to buy shares in their companies beyond the 35 per cent trigger point at which they would have to make a general offer to shareholders.

Mr Li Ka-shing, head of Hutchison Whampoa and Cheung Kong, said over the weekend that he would pump HK$2 billion into the stock market this week if he was allowed to go above 35 per cent — he already owns almost 34 per cent of his Cheung Kong flagship.

Mr Ray Astin, Securities Commissioner, yesterday said he would suspend the 35 per cent rule for one month, but he said excess shares would have to be sold within a year.

Yesterday Mr Li said he was disappointed with the limitations set by the Securities Commission. "We bought several million dollars worth of shares yesterday, in spite of everything, because we wanted to support the market. We hoped that other big companies would do the same so that the market could be stabilized more quickly."

He would renew his appeal to the Securities Commission for unlimited purchases above the 35 per cent threshold, at the same time trying to persuade his "friends with considerable assets" to help support the market.

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WALL STREET

Slide continues

New York (Agencies) — Shares generally were steeply lower in early trading yesterday. The Dow Jones industrial average was down by 110 points at 1,840.76. A total of 1.450 issues fell against 50 rising shares in heavy trading.

IBM, a bellwether stock, fell by 6 to 114¾. Teledyne was 29⅛ lower at 242⅝, Capital Cities 20¼ down at 316¼ and Matsushita 14 lower at 123.

The Federal Reserve pumped reserves into the banking system and President Reagan began Budget talks with Congress.

On Friday, the Dow average closed 0.33 of a point higher at 1,950.76.

● Sales of existing single-family homes in the US rose by 1.2 per cent in September to a seasonally-adjusted annual rate of 3.45 million.

	Oct 23	Oct 22		Oct 23	Oct 22		Oct 23	Oct 22
AMR Cp	36⅝	37	Firestone	27½	27¼	Pepsico	32⅝	32½
ASA	54⅝	56⅝	Fst Chicago	21⅝	21¼	Pfizer	51	52½
Aetna Life	52½	51	Fst Int Bncp	40¼	41½	Phelps Dod	29⅞	30¾
Allied Signal	36¼	36¾	Fst Penn C	6⅝	8⅝	Philip Mor	90⅝	91½
Allis Chlm	1⅝	1¾	FT Wachva	33	32¾	Philip Ptrl	13	13½
Alcoa	36⅝	35¾	Ford Motor	74	72¾	Polaroid	22⅝	23
Amax Inc	17	18	GAF Cp	43	43	Primerica	32	32½
AMR Hess	25¼	25¾	GTE Cp	37⅛	36⅝	Proct Gble	82	77⅝
Am Brands	45½	45	Gen Cp	68½	72½	Pub S E G	23½	23⅝
Am Cynmd	36⅝	37½	Gn Dynam	52	51	Raytheon	67⅝	67¾
Am Ele Pwr	27¾	27	Gen Electric	46¼	47⅝	Rynlds Metl	32¾	34½
Amexs	26⅝	26¼	Gen Inst	23⅝	24	Rockwell Int	19⅝	19½
Am Home	73¾	73¾	Gen Mills	46	47	Royal Dutch	111	108⅝
Am Int Grp	68⅝	66⅝	Gen Motors	57½	58	SFE Sopac	54¾	51
Am Stand	36½	36¼	Gen Pub Ut	24¾	25½	Sara Lee	38⅝	36⅝
Am Telph	29	28¾	Genesco	3¾	3¾	Schlumb	34	33¾
Amoco Cp	71	68	Georgia Pac	31¾	31	Scott Pap	60⅝	60¾
Armco Steel	8¾	8½	Gillette	27½	27½	Seagram	55⅝	58
Asarco Inc	19	20⅝	Goodrich	35⅝	35	Sears Roeb	36⅝	36⅝
Ashland Oil	53½	54¼	Goodyear	48⅝	47⅝	Shell Trans	73¾	72
Atl Richfld	77¾	76¾	Gould Inc	13⅝	13	Singer	38⅝	34
Avon Prod	24	25	Grace Co	42⅝	43½	Smith Beck	52½	50⅝
Bk Boston	23¾	23	Grt Atl Pac	34½	33⅝	Sony Cp	30⅝	29⅝
Bank NY	30⅝	30	Greyhnd	26¼	26⅝	Sth Cal Ed	31⅝	30⅝
Bankamer	9½	9⅝	Gruman	22½	20⅝	SW Bell	39½	38⅝
Bkrs Tst NY	33⅝	34¼	Gulf & West	64	62½	Squibb	70	69
Baxter	20⅝	21⅝	Heinz	39	39⅝	Sterl Drug	49½	46⅝
Beth Steel	11½	11¼	Hercules	49½	51	Stevens JP	28⅝	30⅝
Boeing	39½	40	Hewlett Pk	44⅞	45⅞	Sun Comp	54	52
Boise Casc	55¼	55	Honeywell	57¾	62	TRW Inc	44½	44½
Borden	43½	41½	IC Ind	30⅝	30⅝	Teledyne	271½	271½
Bristl Meyr	40⅝	40⅝	ITT Cp	51⅝	51½	Tenneco	42	41⅝
BP	55¾	55¾	INCO	15½	14⅝	Texaco	32¾	32
Brunswick	17½	17⅝	Ing Rand Wi	28	30	Tex Eastn	25⅝	27
Burl Ind	n.a	n.a	Inland Steel	21⅝	22½	Texas Inst	41⅝	39¾
Burl Nth	57⅝	56⅝	IBM	120	120	Tex Util	29	28¾
CBS	159⅝	166	Int Paper	33⅝	34¾	Textron	21¼	22⅝
CMS Engy	14⅝	14⅝	Irving Bk	50⅝	51¾	Travelers	41⅝	39⅝
CPC Int	38⅝	38	Jhsn & Jhsn	73½	72⅝	USG	29⅝	30
CSX Cp	26¼	27	K Mart	27½	28⅝	USX Cp	27⅝	27⅝
Cmpbell Sp	58¾	56¾	Kaisertech	9½	9⅝	Unilever Plc	32¾	33½
Can Pacific	16	15½	Kerr McGee	34½	35	Un Carbide	21⅝	21½
Caterpillar	48⅝	50	Kimbrly Clrk	47⅞	46¼	Un Pac Cp	52½	54
Centrl SW	31¼	31¾	Kraft	49	48⅝	Unisys Cp	30¾	29⅝
Champion	27½	26⅝	Kroger	27½	27⅝	Utd Brands	39½	39¾
Chase Man	31¼	30⅝	LTV Cp	3⅛	3¾	Utd Tech	36⅝	36¾
Chem NY	27½	28¼	Litton	77½	76½	Unocal	30⅝	29¾
Chevron	42⅝	44	Lockheed	39⅝	39¼	Walter Jim	58¾	59
Chrysler	26½	26¾	Lucky Str	23¼	22½	Warn Lamb	62¼	59⅝
Citicorp	41½	41¼	Man H'nver	31½	31	Wells Far	45¼	45¾
Clark Eq	23⅝	24½	Manville	2⅝	2⅝	Westg El	48¾	50
Coca Cola	39¾	40½	Mapco	45⅝	45½	Weyerhsr	35¼	36⅝
Colgate	42⅝	40⅝	Marine Mid	75⅝	76¼	Whirlpool	25⅝	24½
Columb Gas	41¼	41⅝	Mt Marrieta	42½	42¼	Woolworth	35⅝	34½
Cmb'tn Eng	33½	34	Masco	21⅝	22¼	Xerox Cp	55	55⅝
Cmwlth Edi	30	29¾	Mcdonalds	45⅝	43⅝	Zenith	13½	15¾
Cons Edis	43⅝	42⅝	McDonnell	60	58⅝			
Consol Ng	36½	35¾	Mead Cp	27⅝	28¾			
Cont Data	23¾	23½	Merck	163	163			
Corning Gl	48⅝	46¼	Minsta Mng	59⅝	60⅝	**CANADIAN PRICES**		
Crane	22½	24¼	Mobil	39⅝	39½			
Curtiss Wrt	50⅝	51¼	Monsanto	70	73½	Agnco Eag	28	29
Data Genl	20⅝	20⅝	Morgan Jp	38⅝	39	Alcan Alum	31¼	31¾
Deere Co	30⅝	32¾	Motorola	43⅝	43¾	Algoma Stl	16	16½
Delta Airl	37½	38	NCR	60½	60¾	Can Pacific	20⅝	21
Detroit Edi	14½	14¼	NL Indstrs	7½	7⅝	Cominco	15	15½
Digital Eq	127	132	Nat Distill	62½	62¾	Con Bathrst	16	16¾
Disney	52½	52⅝	Nat Md Ent	19½	20⅝	Hawk S Can	22	20
Dow Chem	70⅝	75	Nat Semi	11¼	12½	Hud Bay M	19	19
Dressr Ind	21⅛	21½	Norfolk Sth	26⅝	26	Imasco	27	27
Dupont	88	86⅝	NW Bancrp	37¼	39½	Imperial Oil	63½	62
Duke Pwr	48¼	47¾	Occid Pet	27½	27¾	Int Pipe	43¾	42½
East Kodak	54¼	56	Ogden Cp	24½	24¾	Royl Trstco	14	14½
Eaton Cp	63½	65½	Olin Cp	40	40	Seagram	72¾	73½
Emerson El	30½	30⅝	PPG Ind	32	32⅝	Shelco 'A'	36½	22½
Emery Air	5⅝	5¾	Pac Gas El	18¼	18⅝	Thmsn N 'A'	23⅞	24¼
Exxon	45	44	Pan Am	3½	3⅝	Varity Cp	3	3⅛
Farah Inc	9⅝	9⅝	Penney JC	41¾	44½	WCT	15	15
Fedders	6¾	6	Pennzoil	52¾	51	Weston	32½	32¾

ALPHA STOCKS

	Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000
Abbey	1,135	Coats	1,315	Land Sec	2,471	Royal Bank	657
Alld-Lyons	4,785	CU	1,606	Laporte	28	Royal Ins	1.308
Amstrad	2,871	Cons Gold	974	L&G	846	Saatchi	1.533
ASDA	6,360	Cookson	948	Lloyds	1,853	Sainsbury	1,216
AB Foods	309	Courtaulds	1,968	Lonrho	1,998	Scot & N	1.103
Argyll	3,050	Dalgety	318	Lucas	900	Sears	6,029
BAA	3,436	Dee	3,259	Magnet	234	Sedgwick	1,628
BET	1,075	Dixons	4,121	M&S	6,886	Shell	2,505
BTR	4,390	ECC	454	MEPC	768	Smith & N	2,302
BAT	4,407	Enterprise	154	Metal Box	857	STC	1,940
Barclays	3,061	Ferranti	5,486	Midland	2,423	Stan Chart	274
Bass	1,211	Fisons	1,843	NatWest	3,392	Storehse	2,743
Beecham	4,771	Gen Acc	558	Next	868	Sun Allnce	629
Beazer	212	GEC	14,730	Nth Food	426	T & N	747
BICC	540	Glaxo	3,705	P&O	1,526	Tarmac	2,099
Blue Circle	2,478	Globe	2,270	Pearl	1,686	Tate & Lyle	107
BOC	1,826	Granada	870	Pearson	1,402	TSB	4,967
Boots	4,770	Grand Met	1,811	Pilkington	4,141	Tesco	3,387
BPB	655	GUS 'A'	524	Plessey	28,444	Thorn EMI	1,688
BPCC	1,500	GRE	259	Prudential	429	Trafalgar	1,521
Br Aero	1,960	GKN	885	Racal	3,887	THF	4,579
Br Airways	4,522	Guinness	3,636	Rk Hovis	327	Ultramar	1,245
Br Comm	1,141	Hamm 'A'	143	Rank	217	Unigate	1,727
Br Gas	8,550	Hanson	22,370	R&C	515	Unilever	2,035
Br Petrol	21,412	Hawker	825	Redland	787	United Bis	731
Br Telecm	13,097	Hawley	901	Reed	633	Utd News	1,413
Britoil	2,432	Hillsdown	4,171	Reuters	1,628	Wellcome	1.035
Bunzl	1,300	IMI	1,176	RMC Gp	45	Whitbrd	1.562
Burmah	538	ICI	4,315	RTZ	2,312	Willis Fab	1.160
Burton	2,956	Jaguar	2,557	R-Royce	7,745	Woolworth	2.990
C&W	9,176	Lasmo	427	Rothmn 'B'	1,934		
Cadbury	4,362	Ladbroke	1,453	Rowntree	746		

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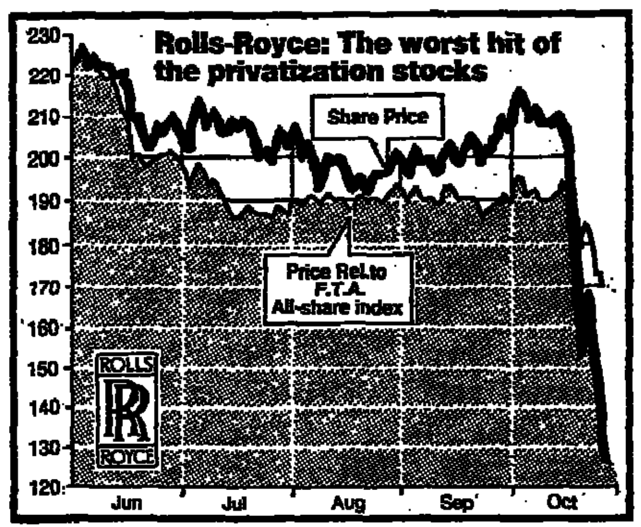
STOCK MARKET

Rally hopes boosted after Whitehall agrees BP talks

By Michael Clark and Geoffrey Foster



Hopes of a much-needed rally were boosted on the stock market last night by suggestions that the Government will bow to pressure from the City and postpone the proposed £7.5 billion sale of shares in BP.

This followed the news that the Government had agreed to meet the underwriters to the issue to discuss the situation with the BP share price now standing way below the 330p which the new shares had already been priced at before the collapse last week in world share values. BP fell by another 21p to 266p yesterday as 21 million shares changed hands. But market men were still cautious last night about the eventual outcome. Few were willing to give more than a 50-50 chance of the issue being pulled.

There is little sympathy among dealers and investors for the underwriters who have earned fortunes by underwriting the Government's various privatization issues over the years. Most of them have been a success which has meant that the underwriters have not been called on to take up any remaining shares.

They have already guaranteed the success of the BP issue and now look as though they may have to absorb millions of unwanted shares. In normal circumstances, this would present few problems. But the size of the BP issue and the current depressed state of the market means they will have to liquidate other parts of their portfolios to raise the neccessary cash to take up their commitment with BP. This would have a depressing knock-on effect on the rest of the market.

Dealers reported the appearance of a few cheap buyers in late trading, enabling prices to close above their worst levels of the day. However, share prices still closed with hefty falls as the slide on world stock markets continued. By the close, a further £24.2 billion had been wiped from share values.

London had taken its cue from a disappointing performance overnight in the Far East where share prices in Hong Kong had opened sharply lower in resumed trading after a week's cooling-off period. Further heavy falls were also reported in Tokyo.

Tarmac, the building materials group, lost 22p to 208p, while its rival, Redland, fell 47p to 365p as the gloom deepened. However, both companies will be conducting analysts' visits to their US operations over the next 10 days and dealers are hoping for confirmation of very positive trading news to help arrest the shares' decline.

There was little support from Wall Street which was down by 110 points by mid-morning in resumed trading after the weekend break. But the FT-SE 100 managed to close above its worst levels of the day.

It finished 111.1 points down at 1,684.1 — its lowest level this year — having been 154 points lower earlier in the session. The "Footsie" has now fallen by 31.08 per cent since its July 16 peak of 2,443.4. The narrower, FT 30 Index lost 89.7 at 1,307.1, after being 128.6 down.

Government securities were the one bright spot, with gains stretching to £3 at the longer end of the market, on the prospect of investors switching out of equities and into the bond market. But the Bank of England appears to be resisting any attempt, for the time being, to reduce interest rates *still further.*

Small investors have seen the premiums on their privatization stocks steadily eroded over the past few days as the biggest collapse in share prices ever continues to bite.

The worst affected by the shake-out has been **Rolls-Royce** which rejoined the stock market in May after an absence of 12 years. The shares were offered at 170p each, but after touching a peak of 240p in June, have been in constant retreat ever since. Yesterday, Rolls-Royce closed another 18p lower at a new low of 126p. Dealers are fearful about the group's exposure to the troubled American economy and the weakened dollar.

Jaguar, which sells about one-third of its luxury cars to the US and has similar exposure to the dollar, has also suffered, although not to the same extent. Floated off in August, 1984, at 165p, the shares have been as high as 632p. Last week, the price fell by 182p and was down by a further 62p yesterday, at a low of 335p.

Other losers from the privatization programme included **British Gas** partly-paid, down 5p at 142p, on a turnover of 8.5 million shares, **British Airways**, 18p lower at 144p, compared with the February flotation price of 125p, **BAA** partly-paid, 8p down at 107p, against the July offer price of 100p and the **TSB Group**, 5p easier at 115p, compared with the issue price in October last year of 100p.

Tubular Exhibition, which manufacturers exhibition stands and crush barriers for crowd control, got off to a satisfactory start on the Unlisted Securities Market.

Placed at 20p by Jacobson Townsley, the stockbroker to the company, the shares opened at 21p, touched 22p, before closing at 21p, an opening premium of a penny.

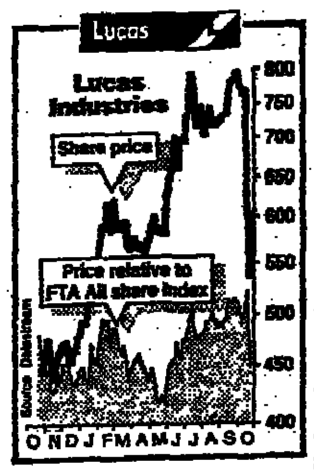
But the shares of ICI continued to lose ground, falling by another 70p to £10.80p, as market-makers took defensive action. Hopes are high that the largest manufacturing company in Britain can alleviate some of the gloom when it reports its third-quarter results on Thursday.

Mr Martin Evans, a chemicals analyst at Citicorp Scrimgeour Vickers, the broker, forecasts a 17 per cent rise in pretax profits for ICI in first nine months to £991 million and reckons that the fourth quarter will produce £309 million, making a grand total of £1.3 billion pretax for the year.

He says that the figures reflect a particularly buoyant *summer quarter.*

TEMPUS

Ill wind hits fitter Lucas



Ironically, the first time in the last five years Lucas has come up for air, the hair-raising behaviour of the stock market has hit it on the head.

Indeed, the shares have suffered more than the overall market because of Lucas's exposure to the automotive market — still comprising two-thirds of sales.

In addition, with gearing at 39 per cent and a bombed-out share price, Lucas's style may be cramped when looking for much needed acquisitions. Otherwise it could have used the fall in corporate valuations to its advantage.

Yet underneath all this, the results show a fast changing mix of business. Only a few years ago, aerospace and industrial activities accounted for less than a fifth of sales but they are twice as important now.

Lucas aims to continue to build these two businesses, primarily through acquisition, but also by investment.

Much progress has been made since the dark days of 1983, although the management is still not satisfied with the performance, especially in automotives.

The bulk of the changes which have incurred extraordinary *debits are complete,* although some reorganization charges may continue, *but at a lower rate than last* year's £17.1 million.

No one can say what the happenings of the last 10 days may augur, and Lucas is well *aware of its vulnerability in* the event of a worldwide recession, even if the US only *accounts directly and in*directly for 17 per cent of sales.

Even on a current year p/e of six times on forecasts of *£150 million pretax,* it is hard to see anyone buying the shares yet. But at least holders can *comfort themselves* with the fact that Lucas is in much better shape to weather any storm than it was in the calmer stock market conditions of the early 1980s.

McKechnie

It is a brave investor who sails against the wind, but McKechnie certainly looks an issue worth remembering when stock markets are steadier on their feet.

Not only has the group ended the year to July 31 with a series of records, but is firm that it will continue to strive for above-average growth. In such troubled times, companies which can hint that there will be definite earnings and dividend growth are few and far between.

A combination of organic growth and acquisition benefits saw pretax profits rise from £19.1 million to £27.6 million, though the higher tax charge after an abnormally low charge in 1986 restricted the growth at the net earnings level to a 15.5 per cent advance.

McKechnie remains acquisition-minded and present turbulent market conditions could throw up some more opportunities

Last year, the group spent £40 million on eight acquisitions and in the first quarter of this financial year has spent £23 million on another three deals. This week, it sold its main interest in South Africa to reap £5 million and in a shares and cash deal bought Anson Plastics for £8.85 million, which brings it closer to the motor vehicle industry and complements an already broad product and market range.

Prospective profits of £35 *million this year put the* shares, at 312p, on 10 times' earnings.

Under pressure

Can Underwoods be, in microcosm, what this market is all about?

Buoyed by over-optimistic earnings forecasts, the shares have typically been rated on a p/e multiple in the low twenties.

At 148p, the share price is now 44 per cent off its March peak, yet the prospective multiple is still above 20.

Total turnover for the half year rose a creditable 27 per cent. But on a like-for-like basis, excluding new stores, growth was a paltry 6.2 per cent. If inflation is also stripped out, turnover growth falls to 4 per cent.

This serves to underline the importance to Underwoods of having a steady rate of new store openings to maintain the momentum of profit growth.

But as Underwoods has moved out of its traditional central London location, distribution costs have risen disproportionately, due to higher rent and rates costs incurred before the new stores become profitable. Out-of-town stores on average take a year longer than London stores before trading profitably.

As a result, pretax profits at the interim stage actually declined 14 per cent, if property profits are excluded.

But new store openings are also taking their toll of Underwoods' balance sheet. From a net cash position a year ago as a result of the stock market flotation, the company now has a debt-equity ratio of just under 40 per cent. By the year-end, gearing will have risen to nearer 44 per cent.

For the full year, John Richards, stores analyst at Wood Mackenzie, has cut his *pretax forecast from £3.5* million to £2.95 million. Revision on this scale is what *keeps the multiple high as the* share price falls, and that is why the shares still look *expensive.*

TOKYO

Nikkei falls by 1,096

Tokyo stock prices plunged across the board again yesterday as only four issues on the Tokyo Stock Exchange's main section managed marginal gains in moderate trading.

At the close of trading, the 225-stock Nikkei Average was down *1,096.22 points,* but even that abysmal performance reflected a late-afternoon rally that brought the index up from a deficit of more than 1,500 earlier in the day.

Market sources said a rumour that government officials had urged financial trusts to resume purchases on the market contributed to the late buying surge, which kept the leading indicator above the 21,910.08 level hit after last week's "Black Tuesday" plummet. The Nikkei closed at 22,202.56.

Until yesterday, the TSE had been essentially following overseas markets, and a 97.56 point mini-rally in Saturday's half-day session had brought hopes to many that the exchange would not take off independently from Wall Street and London.

"But that premise is completely open to question now," *a dealer at a Canadian firm in* Tokyo said just before the market closed.

"Most analysis before the New York crash last Monday had suggested Tokyo would lead world markets down when they went, and there was some relief here when it appeared Tokyo was simply following. But now we can't really say what is happening. Tokyo may now become the driver in this fall," she said.

Investment trust sources *were quoted at the weekend* as saying several funds have stopped taking new subscrip*tions until the volatility* subsides.

An association official also expressed fears that many investors would pull out of the popular trusts and move into other instruments.

Japanese institutions appear to be sitting on the sidelines and playing the market very cautiously, if at all, at the moment, but panic is incipient across the investment spectrum, several dealers indicated.

SINGAPORE

Prices fall across the board

Share prices tumbled across the board yesterday amid nervous and aggressive selling in active trading following a further decline on the Tokyo and Hong Kong stock markets, brokers said.

The Straits Times industrial index lost 54.97 *points to* 908.60. "The index might fall below 900 points tomorrow *because of bearish predictions* for Wall Street," an analyst said.

Brokers said most blue chips and quality stocks suffered double-figure losses. Prices recovered slightly on bargain-hunting before the close. Mr Robert Tay, an investment analyst for Phillip Securities, said: "I expect the market will remain uncertain for the next few weeks. It will react to what happens in Wall Street tonight."

Singapore Reinsurance made its debut with trades of between S$2.39 (69p) and S$1.90 against an issue price of S$1.60. About 3.02 million Reinsurance shares changed hands.

PARIS

Bourse slumps by 7%

Improved unemployment figures for September, and an optimistic assessment of French trade prospects by M Michel Noir, the Trade Minister, failed to prevent the Paris Bourse slumping more than 7 per cent in nervous trading, dealers said. Property credit institutions were the only sector to gain against the trend.

Figures published by the labour ministry, showing unemployment down by 2 per cent to a seasonally adjusted 2.60 million in September, failed to rally prices.

Meanwhile, M Noir said that he believed the trade deficit would narrow substantially next year, from the 32 billion francs (£3.2 billion) forecast for this year.

He said that an improvement in the industrial trade performance, a fall in domestic consumption and a doubling of exports of Airbus aeroplanes would contribute to a better trade performance.

FRANKFURT

Blue chip shares hard hit

A four-pfennig drop in the dollar and massive sell-offs on East Asian stock markets sent Frankfurt share prices into another tail-spin, with some blue chip equities losing 10 per cent or more.

But turnover remained moderately low. Even small sell orders sufficed to push equities sharply lower, brokers said, as there was virtually no buying interest in the market.

The dollar's tumble has convinced some market observers that the period of foreign exchange stability is over.

"People want to be sure that the decline is over before they make new purchases," one broker said.

Prices plunged at the opening, but most equities stabilized at low levels after the first half hour. Around midday, British investors began unloading German blue chips and caused another rout late in the session, brokers said.

SYDNEY

All Ordinary ends 101 points down

Australia's shares fell sharply again yesterday. The All Ordinary index, the market's key barometer, lost 101 points, closing at 1,414 points. More than $Aus8.7 billion (£3.8 billion) was wiped off the market's capitalization.

Panic about the likely fall in Hong Kong led to a second wave of selling and the market has now shed $Aus64 billion in six trading days, a decline of 34 per cent.

Dr Ian Story, research director for broker BZW Meares, said: "I expect one or two more falls of this magnitude this week on smaller turnovers."

Yesterday's turnover was a high 170 million shares, valued at $Aus268 million. Falls out-numbered rises by 732 to 87. Entrepreneur stocks, such as Bell Group, Elders IXL and AFP Investment Corporation, bore the brunt of the losses. Their prices were slashed by up to 30 per cent.

Bell Group, headed by Mr Robert Holmes à Court, the West Australia magnate, lost $Aus1.50 to $Aus4.20, compared with $Aus9.40 a week ago, AFP plunged 55 cents to $Aus1.30, compared with $Aus3.50, and Elders 60 cents to $Aus3.20.

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Losses increase but the Bank happy with new gilt market

David Smith talks to the Bank of England's Eddie George on the impact of Big Bang

In the frenzied financial environment of the past 10 days, government bonds in general, and the gilt market in particular, have boomed. But the 10-point recovery in long gilts since October 20 has not altered the fact that in the 12 months since Big Bang, the gilt market has been a difficult place to make money.

Net losses for the market as a whole are running at about £50 million, with four of the 26 market-makers sitting on sizeable losses. Two more have run up smaller losses, although still big enough to have led to some hard questions being asked by their parent companies. Thus, apart from the lucky four who have ended the first 12 months in the black, most of the market-makers are just about breaking even.

This explains why only one of the original 27 entrants has dropped out. Lloyds Merchant Bank called it a day in June, but the others have decided to hang on. The Bank of England has monitored very closely whether all participants are making a market in "fair weather and foul". So far it is satisfied that they are. The smallest of the market-makers has a market share of 1.5 per cent, twice the minimum of 0.75 per cent set by the United States authorities for primary dealers on the other side of the Atlantic.

Mr Eddie George, the Bank of England's executive director with responsibility for home finance, is generally very pleased with the way that the new-style gilt market has developed.

He said: "There is no question that the market is better for users. It is more liquid, dealing costs are less. The object of the restructuring was to produce as liquid a market as we could.

"Competition is very good for users; it is not so good for producers. It is extremely competitive, spreads between buying and selling are very narrow. It is very difficult for anyone to make a fortune out of that kind of business."

The Bank of England is pleased with the way the gilt market is split between retail business — sales and purchases of gilts by pension funds and insurance companies — and trades between market-makers. The split, roughly 50-50, is regarded as broadly right, with greater turnover between market-makers part of the "enhanced liquidity" of the new market.

Mr George said: "The thing that I think is important to try to do is to draw a distinction between the market structure and the market environment. The out-turn does depend very heavily on the market environment."

Although astute market-makers can make money in a falling market, it is generally far easier to do so in a bull market. The market has had an occasionally bumpy ride over the past 12 months. There is a feeling among some gilt market operators that the ushering in of the new era was accompanied by an "ushering-out" of gentlemanly behaviour by the Bank of England.

Alexanders Laing & Cruickshank, one of the 26 market-makers, in a report published to accompany the first anniversary of Big Bang, said: "The Bank's operations have at times been surprising, confusing and occasionally incomprehensible to market makers. This may have been the intention, but it will have its costs as market-makers with burnt fingers become ever more reluctant to accommodate the Bank at the time of tenders and auctions."

Two particular episodes have stood out. The Bank's decision to cut the price of its tap immediately before the August 6 rise in base rates, and the gilt auction prior to very poor trade figures, in September. Both left market-makers sitting on large amounts of stock and, as the Alexanders' report suggests, with burnt fingers.

But at the Bank, such a shift in tactics is categorically denied. One official, who preferred not to be named, said: "There is some suggestion that there are new Bank of England tactics that are more aggressive. That is baloney.

"It is nonsense, absolute nonsense. We have a great interest in managing the market, but you can't put that ahead of conduct of monetary policy. Market-makers really believe that in the old days we would have told the jobbers. The truth is we never told the jobbers."

Mr George, for his part, conceded that the experiment with gilt auctions had not been an entirely happy one for the market-makers. He said: "I'm not entirely happy with the auction experiment. From the point of view of users and from the Government's point of view, the auctions have been too successful. It has not helped us in terms of the long-term success of the experiment."

Although the auctions are regarded as a technical success, Mr George has stuck to his view that he will continue with the present "hybrid" system of funding — taps and auctions — but if it were to come to a choice, he would favour using the *old* tap system on its own.

Almost as soon as the gilt market had got used to the new-style trading system a year ago, it was hit by the Chancellor's autumn statement and his surprising generosity on public spending. That shock was relatively short-lived, and gilts, measured by the Financial Times Government Securities index, climbed steadily from the middle of November, until the March Budget. The market fell on the Budget itself, but enjoyed another rise from mid-April until well into May, when nervousness over opinion polls pushed the market down.

But the unhappiest experience in the 12 months, including the events of the past few days, came for the gilt market with the general election. Gilt market-makers manfully burned the midnight oil, staying open for business all night in anticipation of the arrival of the "wall of money" from Japan.

The wall of money, if it did arrive, did so too slowly for the gilt market. About half of the £50 million lost by market-makers as a whole came in the few days after the election. Mrs Thatcher's triumph was the gilt market's disaster. And, until its sharp recovery since Monday of last week, proving that the equity market's poison was meat to the gilt market, the prospect of recovering those losses looked very slim indeed.

Mr Bill Allen, a director of Greenwell-Montagu Gilt-Edged, one of the select band of profitable market-makers, says that the route to generating an acceptable return in the highly competitive market environment is "very tight control of risk". Greenwell-Montagu, which pulled out of equity market-making, has run a profit on its gilts operation every month this year, the only one of the market-makers to achieve this.

The Bank expects to receive applications from additional institutions, notably the Japanese houses Nomura and Daiwa, to participate in the market.

COMMENT Kenneth Fleet

Unhappy returns for the City's Big Bang

Big Bang has assumed an almost sinister meaning since world stock markets began their violent fall two weeks ago. Until then, the tide of optimism reflected in rising share prices had helped to ease the revolutionary changes in the Stock Exchange formally set in operation on October 27 last year.

In a bear market, the brutal pressures of deregulation and competition would have caused dislocation, pain and loss. As it turned out, the bull market ran for 50 weeks of Big Bang's first year: there have been some casualties, but few of note; fortunes have been made, and fortunes conspicuously spent; the tabloids have discovered the yuppie generation; and the City has emerged with a market in securities, foreign and domestic, in which it and the country can take some pride. As the third international stock market after New York and Tokyo, London is now in with a chance — a remarkable development within 12 months.

In the hectic dealing of recent days, the new screen-based system has creaked and groaned but it has not wilted. Over the last year, customer business has doubled, with an average of £4.2 billion worth of stocks traded daily. The Topic information system now handles seven million queries a day against two million before Big Bang. Customer turnover in gilt-edged securities is now £2 billion a day, an increase of 50 per cent. Another £1.2 billion is traded daily among market-makers. The traded options market handles 50,000 contracts daily, 180 per cent more than a year ago.

Problems with the Stock Exchange Automated Quotations system, Sir Nicholas Goodison, chairman of the International Stock Exchange, said yesterday, had largely been eradicated. In the last four months, the performance availability of Seaq's central computers has been 100 per cent, and 99.8 per cent, on average, during the last year. An independent public opinion survey (NOP) of 156 investment managers and equity dealers had shown that 61 per cent were either quite or very satisfied with Seaq in a busy market compared with 30 per cent who were rather or very dissatisfied.

Looking at the performance of the market-makers, it is clear that dealing skills have been the one root cause of success: the new financial conglomerates, which include a major jobbing firm, have been seen to advantage — notably BZW and Warburg. While a cloud of uncertainty hangs over Wood Mackenzie, which has been affected by the fall-out from the clash at Hill Samuel, the broking firms which have shone brightest are James Capel, Hoare Govett and Phillips & Drew, with Savory Milln and Panmure Gordon also showing to advantage. Cazenove has become an enigma wrapped within its habitual mystery. The saddest story is Greenwell's whose status has tragically diminished.

The bearish condition of the market is enough to banish any complacency about the progress the City has made since October last year but even without a bear market, the American experience after Wall Street's own Big Bang in 1975 and in recent months is a warning of radical changes ahead. Margins in the securities business are now very fine — the result of intensive competition and instant communcation — and the risks are correspondingly greater. Some of the losses sustained by leading New York houses are mind-bending and mainly the result of two factors: the "star system" and the low standard of management found in most investment businesses. In the war between the managers and the traders — those high-profile market geniuses whose enormous losses earlier this year began to match their earlier enormous profits — the managers now have the upper hand. London since Big Bang has also seen an explosion in overheads. Only now is the problem being addressed.

Calling the Governor

Where is the Governor of the Bank of England in this hour of financial crisis? The reason for asking is that Robin Leigh-Pemberton seems to time his visits behind the Iron Curtain to coincide with storms in London. He was apparently in Russia at the height of the Johnson Matthey affair, when the Bank made a controversial £100 million deposit with the stricken institution. The deposit caused a political furore. Now the governor is in Eastern Europe. He was "kept in touch" with the decision to cut bank base rates, but he seems determined to play no active part in the current excitement.

Not that there is anything wrong with visiting the Communist bloc. But is it really wise for the City's leading figure to disappear on an official trip to Romania, Yugoslavia and Bulgaria, hardly the heart of the world financial system, just as that system lurches into its worst crisis for years. Mr Leigh-Pemberton left last Monday morning — when it was amply clear that something unusual was happening in the world's stock markets. He is not expected back until Thursday and there are no plans to curtail his trip.

This is surely the action of a man who is either so certain of his re-appointment for a second term that he does not care how his absence might look; or of one who has given up all hope that he will again find favour with Mrs Thatcher.

A first year of revolution and growth

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market — the difference between the best buying and selling price — has fallen by about 40 per cent. The Government played its part, too, by reducing the rate of stamp duty to 0.5 per cent with effect from the date of Big Bang.

These downward pressures on costs of dealing have stimulated market activity. In the third quarter of last year, the last before Big Bang, an average of 20,000 equity deals were made daily in our market; in the first nine months of 1987, the daily average almost tripled, to just under 59,000. The value of customer orders in equities has risen to more than £1,100 million a day, compared with £700 million last year. We are now transacting as much equity business in a month as we used to do in a whole year before 1983.

Trading in non-British securities is currently running 70 per cent higher than last year, at £500 million a day. Most of this business is done on the basis of SEAQ International prices, in stocks with no London listing.

In the gilt-edged market, too, turnover has been buoyant, with average daily value of customer turnover rising to more than £2,200 million during the first nine months, compared with £1,100 million in 1986.

To help market-makers and investors handle the greater risks and volatility in the market, the traded options market has come into its own. More than 50,000 contracts a day were traded in the third quarter of this year, an increase of no less than 180 per cent on a year earlier.

The success of the new system has brought some problems in its wake, notably in the area of settlement. Although the Exchange upgraded its own systems to meet the anticipated workload, there have been problems in some member firms' and registrars' back offices. Ultimately the answer will be to eliminate much of the paperwork associated with share dealing and to simplify the whole transfer process.

We are developing such a system — TAURUS — the first phase of which should be in place in two years' time. It cannot, of course, answer the short-term problem, but we are tackling that too. We have created a high-level task force to monitor the situation and to help those member firms with the worst problems to overcome them. We have also taken powers to restrict firms' business and to fine those whose record does not improve.

We believe that the worst settlement problems are over but we are keeping the situation under constant review and will be in a position to take rapid action if need be.

The new market structures, along with a market which — until recently — was rising strongly, have proved a boon for new issues by companies. In the year to September, no less than £30 billion was raised by companies, of which £9 billion was from privatization issues. This exceeds all previous sums raised on the Exchange and will have obvious benefits for British industry. It is money that can be invested in new plants and the creation of jobs.

More than 300 companies have come to one of our three markets over the past year: 193 (including 40 overseas) companies have come for listing; 87 have been admitted to the Unlisted Securities Market, while 28 are currently traded on our newly-established Third Market.

On the other hand, the Government, for so many years our biggest issuer, raised "only" £16 billion in the year to September, or £7 billion if redemptions of stock are taken into account.

In the field of wider share ownership, we have seen a continuing growth of interest with three further privatizations during the year bringing in more new shareholders. At this stage, no-one can predict what effect the recent fall will have on this new generation of shareholders in the longer term.

Most of those who have bought and held privatization issues are still showing a profit, although a smaller one than two weeks ago. We always urge people to invest in equities only that amount of money they can afford to put aside. Those with patience will ride out the recent fall.

More generally, member firms, new and old, are confident that retail share trading can become a reality for the man in the street and are establishing the means of catering for his needs. I remain optimistic about the wider spread of share ownership in the future.

So, as we enter the second year of our new market, we take pride in the solid progress we have made and derive confidence from the much-improved economic background in the United Kingdom. We also look forward to the exciting new developments which will improve our markets still further: the expansion of our international equity market and of our options market; the establishment of new links with other financial centres; the continuing enlargement of the number of individual shareholders; the introduction of a system to automate small deals; and the development of TAURUS to improve and simplify our transfer process.

As the Chinese proverb says, "change is the only permanent thing in life".

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

The rise of Charles Perrin

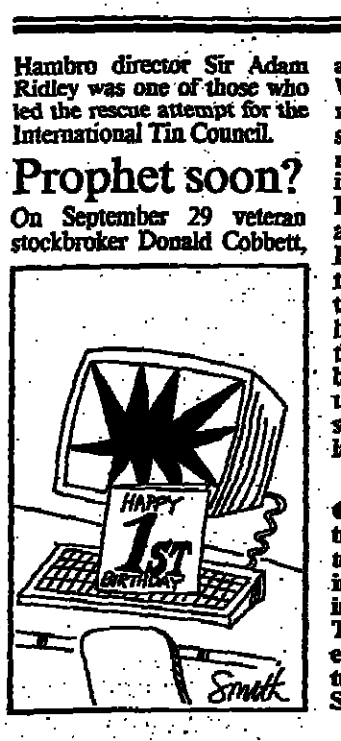
"Where's Perrin?" came the call on Thursday morning, from the Hong Kong government, and Charles Perrin, deputy chairman of Hambros Bank, was on the next flight to the Far Eastern colony. Within 36 hours of the call Perrin and his team, comprising colleagues Nicholas Scott-Barrett and Peter Binder plus Gerrard and National managing director and Liffe chairman Brian Williamson, were thrown into a round of meetings there, arranging support for Guarantee Corporation of the Hong Kong futures exchange. Four days later, with the mission largely completed they are now catching up on missed sleep, adding finishing touches to the agreements, and are expected to return home before the end of the week. But although at short notice, the call from Hong Kong came as no surprise to troubleshooter Perrin. The quietly-spoken and exacting 47-year-old, with a rare social and environmental conscience — he still finds time to be a director of London Zoo and sit on the London committee of Unicef — has built quite a reputation for himself and his bank. It was the same three-strong Hambros team which masterminded the HK$3.5 billion reconstruction of Orient Overseas Holdings, part of the CH Tung group, 18 months ago, when it ran into difficulties. Further demonstrating Hambros depth of experience in dealing with such troubles, metal traders will no doubt remember that Hambro director Sir Adam Ridley was one of those who led the rescue attempt for the International Tin Council.

New wave on Wall St

Has Robert Prechter, erstwhile rock band musician, who once wrote songs for Rod Stewart and studied psychology at Yale University, changed his tune again? Grossing some $4.5 million a year from his newsletter and telephone advice service operated from his Georgia home, it was Prechter — hailed by some Americans as a "guru" — who triggered Wall Street's first major fall in the current stock market crisis, by recommending clients to sell. Now he is apparently telling them that Wall Street is going to move much higher. Prechter, who claims no special knowledge of finance or economics, bases his advice on the Eliot Wave Theory, which he discovered gathering dust in a forgotten corner of New York Public Library, and four years spent as an analyst with investment house Merrill Lynch in New York, a decade or so ago.

Prophet soon?

On September 29 veteran stockbroker Donald Cobbett, aged 76, who quit broker William Morris & Co in the midst of the 1974 market shakeout, shortly before it merged with Quilter Goodison, spoke to students at the London School of Investment about "The Psychology of Investment". Undeterred by the rising market he warned them that "the market is too high." Proved right, sooner than he perhaps thought, Cobbett now tells me that he thinks the market is about to stabilize. "By tomorrow at the latest," he says.



● An unfortunate mix-up, I trust. A reader attempting to telephone the Bank of Ireland in the City last week was intercepted by a British Telecom operator and given an entirely new number to dial. It turned out to be a direct line to Scotland Yard.

Expense spared

Pharmaceutical giant Glaxo, whose shares have fallen harder than most during the past week, is at least trying to do something about it. Some 60 analysts — 30 from Britain and 30 from the US — are expected to be escorted around its American headquarters at Research Triangle Plant in North Carolina next month, as well as its manufacturing plant at nearby Zebulon, on what the company describes as a "field trip". It is apparently a follow-up to a similar trip arranged in 1984, just after the Zebulon factory started production. "There wasn't a lot to see out there until 1984 and a lot has happened in the last three years," says a spokesman. "In response to a number of requests we have decided to arrange another visit." But the eager British analysts might not now be so keen to go — they have, I hear, been told they will have to foot the bill for their own air fares. With its shareholders interests at heart, of course, Glaxo appears to be attempting to limit its expenditure to one night's accommodation in a hotel.

● A facsimile sent to *The Times* of half-time results from Caparo Industries includes the following postscript: "If not well-received, please call London 486-1417 immediately." One wonders whether a spokesman would then have given details of restated profit figures showing an even more impressive advance than the reported 95 per cent increase.

Carol Leonard

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BUSINESS SUMMARY

International City Holdings rises 21%

International City Holdings, the broker in financial markets, made pretax profits of £17.3 million in the year to the end of July, a rise of 21.7 per cent. Turnover rose 66.8 per cent to *£115.8 million. Securities broking leapt to operating profits of* £6.6 million against £1.2 million, but money and futures broking operating profits fell 11.4 per cent to £10.6 million.

Mr Ron Vallance, group chief executive, said the costs of setting up a yen currency trading operation and introducing screen technology linked to ICH's customers had reduced profits in money broking. The final dividend was unchanged.

Marley sells subsidiary

***Marley, the building products* company, is selling WG McMahon, its Canadian flooring distribution business, to a management buy-*out team for Can$13.4* million (£6.2 million). The team is headed by Mr Ken Sutherland, the president of McMahon. The consideration will be paid by Can$3.1 million debt, repayable over five years, Can$2 million in preference shares, and the balance in cash.**

Comac profit doubles

Comac Group says the growth potential in the contract computer personnel market will fuel the company's expansion during the *second* half of the year, making possible a final dividend of 1.2p. It said taxable profits had more than doubled to £54,502 in the six months to June, on turnover of £2.7 million. Earnings per share rose from 1.31p to *3.34p. There is no interim* dividend.

Sales soar at Forward

***Last year's acquisition of more capacity at Rugby,* Warwickshire, has enabled Forward Group, the printed circuit board maker floated on the USM in January, to almost double turnover in the six months to end-July, from £1.46 million to £2.77 million.The building-up of production levels at *the plant has, however, dented* group profit margins and the pretax increase is less than 40 per cent at £588,000 against £420,000. The board is confident that margins will improve.**

TI in £6.5m sell-off

TI Group has sold its machine tool business for £6.5 million to a newly formed *British Group, TMG Engineering,* in which the management has an equity participation of up to 20 per cent. TI Machine Tools will *be renamed Matrix* Churchill Limited. TI will receive £4 million on completion, with the balance payable in six months. It now has no *interest in the machine tool* sector.

Printing ink firm up 56%

Usher-Walker, a manufacturer of printing inks and rollers, made pretax profits *of £507,000, a rise of 56 per* cent, in the half-year to the end of June. Turnover was 80 per cent higher at £10 million. The improved result *stemmed from higher sales,* particularly to newspapers, the company said. While prospects for the full year look encouraging, upward *pressure on raw material* costs will have some effect.

Shotton's £120m plan 'will mean 1,400 jobs'

By Colin Narbrough

The Finnish-owned Shotton Paper Company yesterday announced plans to invest £120 million in a second paper machine and a newsprint re*cycling unit at its North Wales* plant, a move that will create Britain's leading newsprint maker.

Walker: welcomed project

Mr Niilo Hakkarainen, the chairman, told a City lunch the investment would create *200 jobs at the mill in Shotton,* Clwyd, and a further 1,200 jobs in raw materials supply and supporting services.

The second *machine* at the wholly owned subsidiary of the Finnish forest products *group, United* Paper Mills, should go into production by the final quarter of 1989. It will add 200.000 tonnes a year to Shotton's output, giving an annual capacity of 400,000 tonnes.

Mr Peter Walker, Secretary of State for Wales, welcomed the confidence that the Finn*ish parent had displayed in* boosting its already substantial investment in Wales.

*Shotton is the only news*print manufacturer in Britain that will not be increasing its prices in the new price round due in January. The increase by foreign and domestic suppliers will be the third in 12 months and has outraged the newspaper industry.

In addition to the thermo-mechanical pulp production, based on British-grown Sitka spruce, Shotton plans to enhance the quality of its newsprint finish by introducing up to 30 per cent of recycled fibre into its pulp.

This will allow for more metres per reel of newsprint and help meet the demands of higher production speed and efficiency that new printing technology has brought to the newspaper industry.

The new capacity forms part of the *Finns' strategy to* increase their share of British-produced newsprint, to ensure a greater market share when the world market returns to *oversupply* in about two years. Mr Hakkarainen said the finance for the new paper machine would be raised in London and City institutions were keen to take part.

Airtours cuts profit forecast

By Michael Tate

Airtours, the Manchester tour operator, yesterday heavily reduced its profit forecast for the year-ended last month from £3.25 million to "around £2 million." The forecast was *made* when the company came to the market last March.

More than half the shortfall *is blamed on last* summer's air traffic controllers' strike in Barcelona and terrorist activity in Tunisia.

Mr David Crossland, the chairman, said margins were also hit by market overcapacity in what he described as "quite exceptional market conditions."

"Surprisingly, this overcapacity continued into the high season — particularly at Manchester airport." The company has since taken steps to prevent any repetition of this in the current year.

Mr Crossland said the com*pany remains in a healthy* cash position, and the board will recommend the 2.7p final dividend forecast last spring.

However, he and his fellow director, Mr Tom Trickett, will waive their entitlement to *dividends* that would have totalled £298.000.

Meanwhile, Airtours is offering shareholders one warrant for every 10 shares held, at 200p each, about 20p above the placing price. Both Mr Crossland and *Mr Trickett* will take up their entitlement of about £2.25 million.

Tilbury offshoot sold to managers

West's Group International, a subsidiary of *the Tilbury* Group, has sold its offshoot, Tilbury Plant, to a company formed for a management buyout. The two executive directors and associated management of Plant are subscrib*ing for capital in the new* company. The consideration is £10.7 million in cash, including the settlement by Plant of intra-group indebtedness of about £5 million.

ISC-Ferranti

Ferranti had received acceptances from the shareholders of International Signal & *Control* for 127.15 million ordinary shares (74.3 per cent) by 3pm on October 23, the first closing date for its offer.

Chelsea Artisans

Chelsea Artisans is not paying an interim dividend for the first half of this year, but intends to declare a final. Turnover rose to £870.000 (£468.000), while pretax profit jumped to £88.000 (£9.000). Earnings per share were 4.0p (0.3p). The board reports that since July the company has continued to trade "most satisfactorily." The order book is strong for the rest of year and the indications are that profit margins will hold up well. The board remains confident *that full-year forecasts* will be met.

Ketson disposal

Ketson has exchanged contracts to sell to Blue Star Garages two adjoining properties in Finchley, London, for £1.65 million in cash; the properties consist of a petrol station and office premises and in 1986 produced a contribution to group revenues of about £80.000. They were valued at £1.65 million.

Interim raised

Grand Central Investment Holdings is lifting its interim *dividend for the six months* to June 30 to 0.3p (0.25p). Turnover jumped to £6.03 million (£1.07 million) and pretax profit to £358.000 (£143.000). Earnings per shares were 1.12p (0.48).The board reports that the figures, while in line with *budgets for the company's* existing operations do not include the results of Kuril Plantations for the six months as originally expected. The results of the current half-year are expected to be "very encouraging."

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BRITISH BUSINESS

APPOINTMENTS

New chief at Ofrex Group

Ofrex Group Holdings: **Mr SJ Loffler** has been named managing director. **Mr DR Llewellyn**, **Mr J Cameron** and **Mr RA Murphy** join the board. ***Mr DF Thompson*** *is* made chairman of Rexel Engineering, the subsidiary company.

Horizon Travel: **Mr Ken Richards** becomes chairman, succeeding Mr Bruce Tanner. **Mr Peter Scurlock** is made a non-executive director. **Mr David Cockerton** and **Mr Bob O'Donnell** *join the main* board.

County NatWest: **Mr Richard Williamson** joins the board.

Coley Porter Bell: ***Mr Martin van Grevenstein*** becomes an associate director.

Titmuss Sainer & Webb: **Professor JE Adams** is named director of training.

LG Wilson (Builders): **Mr Rex Wyer** becomes managing director.

M Myers & Sons: **Mr Simon Marriott** has been named managing director.

Arthur Young: **Mr Peter Burberry, Mr Geoffrey Forage, Mr John Harman, Mr *Eamonn McGrath,* Mr Stephen Parkinson, Mr Michael Stone, Mr Peter Deering, Mr Nigel Towers, Miss Anne Scott, Mr Alan Millar** and **Mr James Kelman** *join the* partnership.

TIP Europe: ***Mr Jim Davis*** joins the board as a non-executive director.

British Aerospace: **Mr Charles Brandon Gough** joins the board as the non-executive government director.

Verenigde Bedrijven Nutricia: **Mr Bernard Pendle** has been made joint managing *director* and **Mr Peter Mills** becomes deputy managing director of Cow & Gate.

Buckley & Bland: **Mr Bruce Scott** becomes group managing director.

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
October 19	October 31	January 21	February 1

Call options were taken out on: 26/10/87 Greenwich Resources, Tranwood, Dale Electric, Cable & Wireless, Barratt Developments, Abaco, Ferranti, Rolls-Royce, TSB, Astra Trust, Low & Bonar, Norfolk Capital, Blacks Leisure, BBA, GKN, Hanson, Midland Bank, Southend Stadium, Dares Estates, Dinkie Heel, Explaura Holdings, Elswick, British Telecom, Britoil.
Puts: Rolls-Royce, Jaguar.

Girobank

Girobank plc announces that with effect from close of business Monday October 26 1987

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Hong Kong & Shanghai	9.50%
Lloyds Bank	9.50%
Nat Westminster	9.50%
Royal Bank of Scotland	9.50%
TSB	9.50%
Citibank NA	9.50%

RECENT ISSUES

EQUITIES

Alba	115	-13
Amer Plastic (61p)	61	-2
Anglo Leasing	175	-15
Banner Homes (105p)	108	-18
Butte Mining (100p)	100	-25
Cauldon	31	-7
Corporate Prop	55	-15
Dolphin Packg (106p)	127	-13
Econ Forestry	103	-8
Explaura	29	-4½
Glamar Gp	220	-5
Guidehouse	85	-7
ISA Intl (80p)	101	-9
Kingston Oil (100p)	96	-12
Knobs Knockers	107	-3
Lloyd Thomp (170p)	183	+3
Marcol Group	91	-9
Power Corp	88	-9
Record (88p)	85	-3
Rolls-Royce (170p)	127	-17
Ross Consumer (165p)	200	-15
Rural Plan	101	-7
Sec Archives	195	-10
Shaftsbury (180p)	137	-35
Stanhope Props (250p)	189	-32
Tubular Exhib	23	
URS Intl	73	-2
USDC Inv	143	-11
Wilshaw Secs	21	
Zetters Leis	135	-3

RIGHTS ISSUES

AC Hldgs N/P	113	-12
Harmony Leis N/P	¾	
Kleinwort Ben N/P	5	
Lanca N/P	3	-2
Lilleshall N/P	2	-3
Manna Dev N/P		
New England N/P	3	
Securiguard N/P		
Stonehill N/P	15	-12
Wace N/P	4	-1

(Issue price in brackets).

THIRD MARKET

1987 High	1987 Low	Company	Price Bid	Price Offr	Chg
485	185	Abelscot	270	300	-30
56	18	Aber Am Pet	35	38	-1
150	110	Allied Ins	131	141	-4
78	48	Amercoeur	47	52	nc
111	55	Andaman Res	70	75	-3
285	116	Broadcast	180	200	-20
192	61	Camotech	90	100	-24
103	45	Catalyst	68	72	-15
203	153	Chelsea Art	165	180	-5
110	60	Chemex Intl	58	68	-4
159	120	Comac	120	130	nc
151	50	Corton Bch	82	87	-20
228	150	Crown Eye	147	157	-13
68	18	Eglinton	18	20	-1
45	11	Do Wrnts	11	13	-1
188	1	Far E Res	85	95	-15
110	76	Gardner (J)	80	85	-3
53	29	Hoorbilt	34	39	-4
73	58	Kemp (PE)	65	70	-4
181	65	Leading Lsr	64	69	-26
95	68	Lynx Tech	70	80	-5
180	115	Medirace	123	133	-14
80	15	Pub Hldgs	40	42	-12
128	103	Seacon	98	108	-2
87	46	Theme Hldgs	47	57	-5
715	155	UPL	150	160	-10
140	103	Unit Group	98	108	-4

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Puts Jan	Puts Apr	Puts Jul
Alld Lyon (*313)	330	28	37	53	35	40	45
	360	18	22	35	58	65	70
	390	8	13	23	85	90	95
Bass (*784)	800	65	85	105	80	100	110
	850	40	60	85	100	120	130
	900	20	40	70	150	155	160
Brit Air (*140)	160	20	35	55	30	40	55
	180	10	20	33	48	45	50
	200	6	13	22	68	75	75
Brit Com (*315)	360	25	45	50	60	75	85
	390	15	30	35	95	105	105
	420	4	23	20	115	120	130
Brit Gas (*138)	135	27	—	—	20	—	—
	140	—	23	35	—	25	32
	160	—	15	25	—	42	48
BP (*264)	280	—	35	50	—	35	65
	300	16	28	40	57	85	72
	330	9	20	28	75	82	90
Britoil (*220)	240	25	47	55	42	52	65
	260	17	37	45	58	70	80
	280	12	28	40	70	80	90
Cons Gold (*858)	900	140	180	230	120	180	210
	950	110	160	210	160	210	260
	1000	95	140	190	210	240	290
Courtauld (*347)	390	25	35	45	85	70	75
	420	12	25	35	90	95	100
	460	6	15	25	125	125	125
	500	4	10	15	165	165	165
Com Union (*315)	330	35	45	—	40	45	—
	360	20	30	45	70	70	75
	390	15	25	35	80	85	90
C & W (*270)	300	40	70	100	60	70	70
	330	25	60	60	85	110	110
	360	25	40	50	110	130	140
	390	20	35	35	140	160	170
GEC (*178)	180	37	37	43	22	30	37
	200	17	28	37	35	43	45
	220	12	22	30	53	55	60
GKN (*255)	300	28	40	50	60	75	85
	330	18	30	40	90	105	120
	360	13	20	28	120	135	150
	390	6	13	—	145	160	—
Grand Met (*403)	420	38	45	60	40	60	70
	460	23	35	48	73	90	100
	500	13	23	35	107	115	120
	550	6	15	—	150	163	—
ICI (*1069)	1150	100	140	190	140	160	180
	1200	80	120	130	160	190	210
	1250	60	95	125	220	230	250
	1300	50	80	115	260	270	295
Jaguar (*329)	390	45	60	70	95	110	125
	420	25	45	65	115	135	160
	460	20	35	50	145	170	180
Land Sec (*425)	420	45	—	—	50	—	—
	460	30	45	60	70	80	85
	500	15	30	45	85	100	105
M & S (*204)	200	28	37	42	20	23	27
	220	20	27	33	28	35	38
	240	12	18	22	45	50	53
R-Royce (*125)	140	20	30	40	35	45	55
	160	11	20	30	58	65	70
	180	—	—	17	—	—	85
	185	8	13	—	70	75	—
Shell (*1013)	1000	180	220	270	120	180	190
	1050	120	180	230	160	190	220
	1100	90	150	200	180	205	240
Storehse (*273)	300	32	40	47	50	50	52
	330	20	27	32	60	65	67
	360	12	20	—	90	90	—
	390	6	10	—	120	120	—
Trafalgar (*290)	300	30	—	—	35	—	—
	330	15	35	45	50	60	68
	360	12	22	32	85	90	95
TSB (*111)	120	12	18	—	18	22	—
	130	7	12	15	27	30	32
	140	3	6	10	33	35	38
Woolworth (*266)	300	30	50	55	50	55	70
	330	20	24	45	65	70	85
	350	—	15	—	—	85	—
	375	13	—	—	110	—	—

	Series	Dec	Mar	Jan	Dec	Mar	Jun
Amstrad (*126)	120	35	40	50	20	27	30
	130	25	35	45	25	30	35
	140	18	27	38	30	36	40
Barclays (*435)	460	40	60	75	45	55	70
	500	20	35	50	80	85	90
	550	10	25	35	120	125	125
Beecham (*380)	390	45	65	80	55	70	80
	420	22	50	65	75	90	100
	460	13	33	55	105	120	130
	500	8	25	38	145	150	155
Boots (*221)	240	20	30	40	37	40	42
	260	15	22	30	50	52	57
	280	8	17	23	67	70	72
BTR (*239)	260	22	35	45	40	50	55
	280	15	27	30	58	60	65
	300	10	17	25	68	75	78
Blue Circ (*284)	330	30	50	60	60	70	78
	360	—	40	50	—	85	90
	390	—	30	40	—	110	115
Dixons (*245)	280	27	32	45	43	50	55
	300	15	27	35	60	65	67
	330	7	20	27	90	92	92
De Beers (*1075)	1100	100	—	—	100	—	—
	1200	70	—	—	180	—	—

	Series	Calls Dec	Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Puts Dec	Puts Mar	Puts Jun
De Beers	1300	40	—	—	210	—	—
	1400	20	—	—	—	—	—
Glaxo (*1085)	1100	120	180	210	140	170	190
	1150	90	130	180	170	200	210
	1200	65	110	160	195	230	250
	1250	55	90	135	230	280	280
Hanson (*119)	120	10	16	20	23	25	28
	140	6	12	18	28	32	50
	160	4	7	10	47	48	65
	180	2	4	7	65	65	65
Lonrho (*209)	236	23	—	—	38	—	—
	240	—	35	45	—	43	50
	255	18	—	—	50	—	—
	280	—	25	35	—	58	65
Midland (*345)	390	40	65	80	60	70	80
	420	—	40	55	—	85	90
	446	10	20	—	110	115	—
Sears (*117)	130	14	17	20	26	29	31
	140	8	12	14	32	35	37
	160	3	7	10	46	46	48
Tesco (*159)	160	—	24	28	—	21	26
	167	12	—	—	27	—	—
	183	6	15	—	36	36	—
Thorn EMI (*480)	550	30	60	80	120	140	155
	600	15	40	50	180	180	190
	650	10	20	80	210	220	230
	700	6	12	40	255	260	265
THF (*194)	200	30	—	—	30	—	—
	220	15	25	35	45	50	57
	240	6	15	23	65	65	73
Unilever (*445)	460	45	75	90	55	75	85
	500	32	50	65	80	95	110
	550	20	40	50	120	125	140
Wellcome (*318)	360	35	50	60	70	80	85
	390	25	40	50	100	110	115
	420	15	30	45	130	140	100

	Series	Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
BAA (*104)	110	12	20	27	18	23	28
	120	8	15	22	25	30	37
	130	5	12	18	32	36	43
Brit Aero (*355)	390	30	45	60	80	70	80
	420	15	35	45	80	90	100
	460	10	20	35	115	125	130
BAT Ind (*445)	460	30	—	—	40	—	—
	500	15	35	45	70	80	90
	550	7	20	35	115	125	130
	600	5	15	25	160	165	170
Brit Tele (*217)	220	20	30	40	20	30	40
	240	7	19	32	40	40	45
	260	4	11	20	55	60	65
Cadbury (*215)	220	15	25	25	20	25	30
	240	7	13	15	33	35	37
	260	4½	7	9	53	56	58
Guinness (*267)	280	12	30	43	33	43	50
	300	8	17	30	50	53	60
	330	3	10	20	73	75	80
Ladbroke (*318)	360	9	25	38	60	60	65
	376	—	15	33	—	70	80
	389	5	—	—	80	—	—
LASMO (*278)	300	15	26	40	55	65	73
	330	10	18	28	67	78	87
	360	4	12	20	88	88	98
Pilkngtn (*209)	240	13	27	30	45	60	65
	260	10	15	25	60	70	75
	280	4	8	14	75	82	85
	300	1	5	7	100	100	100
Plessey (*146)	160	16	25	35	30	35	40
	180	8	18	25	42	51	57
	200	4	13	20	60	68	75
P & O (*435)	460	28	55	70	55	65	75
	500	17	40	60	65	90	100
	550	—	30	48	—	130	135
Prudential (*750)	800	45	60	80	95	106	110
	850	25	45	60	130	140	150
	900	12	30	45	160	160	170
Racal (*211)	220	22	40	55	30	35	42
	240	15	30	43	52	60	66
	260	10	25	30	65	75	80
RTZ (*288)	340	40	—	—	70	—	—
	360	30	65	85	90	110	120
	380	20	50	70	110	140	150
	400	15	35	65	115	135	170
Vaal Reefs (*114)	110	10	20	27	15	20	25
	120	7	15	22	23	28	30
	130	4	10	17	33	35	38
Tr 11¾% 1991 (*£107)	102	5 1/16	5¾	—	1/16	5/32	—
	104	3 1/16	3¾	—	¼	11/16	—
	106	1¾	29/16	—	¾	1 5/16	—
	108	3/16	1	—	1¾	2 7/16	—
Tr 11¾% 03/07 (*£119)	108	10¾	10¾	10¾	¼	¾	1¼
	110	8 9/16	9	9½	7/32	1 1/16	1¾
	112	6¾	7¾	8¾	¾	1½	2¼
	114	4¾	6¾	6¾	15/16	2	2¾
	116	3¾	5¼	6¾	1	2¾	3 1/16

FT-SE INDEX (*1654)

Series	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan
1700	100	150	150	240	125	220	200	250
1750	35	165	130	230	150	250	260	280
1800	60	150	120	150	155	280	290	300
1850	65	80	100	140	210	300	330	340
1900	40	60	100	130	280	350	370	380
1950	30	50	90	125	310	400	400	425
2000	20	40	75	100	360	450	450	470
2050	10	40	65	90	410	500	500	500

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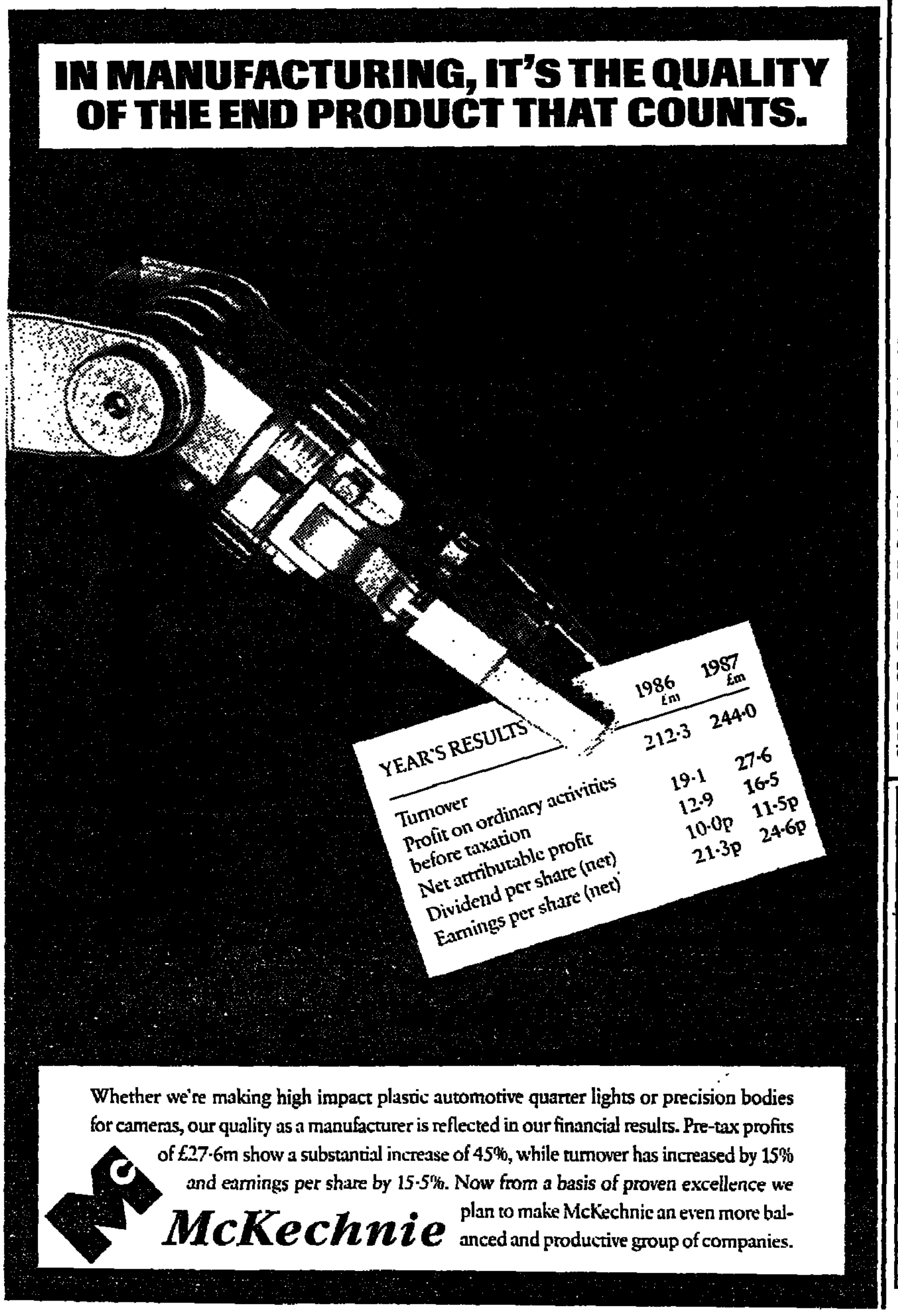
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No.	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Noble & Lund	Industrials L-R	
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3	Gent SR	Drapery,Stores	
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11	Dewhirst (IJ)	Drapery,Stores	
12	Norcros	Industrials L-R	
13	Geers Gross	Paper,Print,Adv	
14	Galliford	Building, Roads	
15	Kershaw (A)	Industrials E-K	
16	Grainger	Property	
17	Petrocon	Oil & Gas	
18	Ratcliffs (Gt Bridge)	Industrials L-R	
19	BOM	Oil & Gas	
20	Sirdar	Textiles	
21	Rover	Motors,Aircraft	
22	Harris Queensway	Drapery,Stores	
23	Norfolk Cap Gp	Hotels, Caterers	
24	Ferranti (aa)	Electricals	
25	Cook (Wm)	Industrials A-D	
26	Juliana's Hldgs	Leisure	
27	Inoco	Oil & Gas	
28	Norton Opax	Paper,Print,Adv	
29	Portsmouth Sund	Newspapers,Pub	
30	Newman Tonks	Building, Roads	
31	Kalamazoo	Industrials E-K	
32	Atlantic Resources	Oil & Gas	
33	Cosalt	Industrials A-D	
34	Kleinwort Benson	Banks,Discount	
35	Kalon	Industrials E-K	
36	ASDA-MFI (aa)	Foods	
37	Sycamore	Industrials S-Z	
38	Ass Br Eng	Industrials A-D	
39	Plysu	Chemicals,Plas	
40	Guinness Peat	Banks,Discount	
41	Wintrust	Banks,Discount	
42	Argyll (aa)	Foods	
43	Waterford Glass	Industrials S-Z	
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DAILY DIVIDEND

£4,000

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1987 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
165	103	Rea Bros	95	115	-15	2.0	1.9	20.0
216	113	Rothschild (J) Hld	128	138	-21	8.2	6.2	7.1
449	293	Ryl Bk Scot (aa)	300	310	-13	15.6	5.1	7.7
17	705	Schroders	12	14	●	12.6	1.7	20.2
843	465	Stand Chart (aa)	485	500	-50	48.0	9.7	6.1
154	106	TSB (aa)	113	117	-5	6.5	5.7	
10½	680	Union	860	875	-52	63.0	7.3	10.1
576	308	Warburg SG	330	340	-23			
198	119	Do 6% 'A	120	130	-22	8.2	6.6	
37⅞	24⅞	Wells Fargo	26⅞		-⅞			
550	290	Wintrust	490	515	-7	8.5	1.7	19.8

BREWERIES

1987 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
471	308	Allied-Lyons (aa)	316	320	-23	15.6	4.9	9.4
10½	779	Bass (aa)	787	797	-28	24.1	3.0	14.6
77	48	Belhaven	47	49	-6	1.0	2.1	17.3
233	174	Boddington	147	150	● -13	5.1	3.4	16.3
796	507	Brown (Matthew)	655	670	-66	20.2b	3.0	23.1
245	131	Buckleys	178	183	-11	4.4	2.4	55.9
239	141	Bulmer (H P)	155	160	-12	7.9	5.0	11.3
195	162	Burtonwood Brew	158	165	-7	4.0	2.5	26.2
535	440	Clark (Matthew)	485	495	-5	12.3	2.5	16.4
361	202	Devenish (JA)	283	292	-17	4.0	1.4	39.8
279½	181	Greenall Whitley	178	183	-22	7.8	4.3	10.9
483	259	Greene King	427	432	-14	8.9	2.1	22.1
390	260	Guinness (aa)	268	272	● -16	12.60	4.7	9.6
795	473	Hardys & Hansons	730	750	-10	26.4	3.6	16.3
97	68	Highland Dist	77	80	-6	3.4	4.3	12.3
223	138	Invergordon Dist	175	185	-11	7.5	4.2	11.7
248	145	Irish Dist	210	230	+25	6.0	2.7	
154	113	Marston Thompson	136	137	-1½	3.5	2.6	17.3
603	345	Morland	505	520	-5	9.9	1.9	24.9
420	131	SA Breweries	350	387				
270	178	Scot & New (aa)	200	205	-12	10.9	5.4	11.3
509	465	Vaux	485	492	-16	18.6	3.8	17.3
385	258	Whitbread 'A' (aa)	265	270	-15	12.2	4.6	11.3
400	248	Do 'B'	375	380		12.2	3.2	15.9
374	210	Whitbread Inv	285	294	-18	11.3	3.9	33.7
424	277½	Wolverhampton & D	367	372	-28	7.0	1.9	20.8
477	274	Young A	412	432	-3	11.6	2.7	24.6

BUILDING, ROADS

1987 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
540	129	Abbey	250	275	s -2			
355	222	Aberdeen Consts	330	330	+2	12.1	3.7	25.8
449	270	Amec	282	288	-57	16.8	5.9	10.7
88½	28	Anglo Utd	58	60	-8	1.4	2.4	
152	68	Arncliffe	85	105	-15	3.8	4.0	22.3
402	105	Attwoods	195	205	-42	8.2	4.1	11.0
482½	239	BPB Ind (aa)	243	248	-34	8.6	3.5	10.7
310	97	Baggeridge Brick	220	230	-30	2.7	1.2	30.4
94	31	Bailey (Ben) Constr	63	66	● +1	1.6	2.5	13.0
252	149	Barratt Devs	148	152	● -30	12.2	8.1	9.9
327	160	Bellway	218	222	-15	10.3	4.7	11.7
305	108	Bellwinch	110	115	● -70	4.4	3.9	10.2
530	134	Berkeley Gp	338		-27	3.4	1.0	15.0
149	65	Bett Bros	80	90	-32	4.5	5.3	23.4
675	137	Blockleys	400	450	-50	7.4	1.7	35.5
574	289	Blue Circle (aa)	295	300	-46	16.5	5.2	8.0
425	165	Breedon PLC	200	220	● -10	8.2	3.9	
253	86	Br Dredging	160	165	● -32	6.9	4.2	29.6
81	14½	Brown & Jackson	42	44	-3			
148	79	Bryant	98	101	● -17	3.8	3.8	11.8
38½	11	Burnett & Hallam	15	16	-3½	..		1.7

BRITISH FUNDS

1987 High	Low	Stock			Price	Ch'ge	Int. only yld%	Gross Red. yld%
SHORTS (Under Five Years)								
99⅛	95¾	Treas	7¾%	1985-88	99⅝	..	7.8	8.731
102¼	94⅞	Exch	10½%	1988	100⅝	● +⅛	10.4	8.977
101½	96½	Treas	C9¾%	1988	100⅛	+⅛	9.7	8.947
97⅛	92⅞	Treas	3%	1978-88	97⅛	+⅛	3.1	6.853
101⅛	94⅞	Treas	9½%	1988	100⅜	+½	9.5	8.970
105¼	95½	Treas	11½%	1989	102⅜	+½	11.2	9.065
104½	96⅞	Treas	10½%	1989	101⅛	+⅛	10.3	9.081
103⅞	96¼	Exch	10%	1989	101¼	+½	9.9	9.145
108	95⅞	Exch	10¼%	1989	103⅝	● +1½	9.9	8.222
105¼	95	Exch	11%	1989	102⅝	+½	10.7	9.133
95⅝	88⅞	Treas	5%	1986-89	94⅛	+⅛	5.3	7.965
102¼	93⅞	Treas	C9½%	1989	100½	+½	9.5	9.025
94⅞	88⅞	Treas	3%	1989	94⅞	● +⅛	3.2	6.778
111	103⅛	Treas	13%	1990	107½	+¾	12.1	9.014
106½	95	Exch	11%	1990	103½	+½	10.6	9.107
110⅜	99½	Exch	12½%	1990	107	+⅝	11.7	9.100
91⅛	84⅛	Treas	3%	1990	90⅛	● +1⅛	3.3	7.275
100	93¼	Treas	8¼%	1987-90	98⅛	+1⅛	8.4	9.050
105	94⅜	Treas	10%	1990	101⅛	+⅛	9.8	9.187
89⅛	80⅞	Exch	2½%	1990	87⅛	● +1¼	2.9	7.094
110⅞	96⅞	Treas	C10%	1991	103¾	+1⅛	9.6	8.700
110½	102¾	Treas	11¾%	1991	106⅝	+½	11.0	9.167
95⅜	85⅞	Fund	5¾%	1987-91	91	+1⅛	6.3	8.824
109⅞	97	Exch	11%	1991	105½	+1⅛	10.4	9.219
89⅛	79⅞	Treas	3%	1991	86¼	● +⅛	3.5	7.346
98⅛	91	Treas	8%	1991	95¾	+1	8.3	9.183
FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS								
116½	107	Treas	12¾%	1992	111⅛	+1⅛	11.4	9.302
106¼	92¾	Treas	10%	1992	102¼	+1⅛	9.8	9.278
108⅝	95⅛	Treas	C10¼%	1992	104⅛	● +1⅛	10.1	9.328
85⅞	79¼	Treas	3%	1992	82¼	+1¼	3.6	7.543
98⅛	89⅛	Treas	8%	1992	95⅝	● +1⅛	8.4	9.262
117	100⅞	Exch	12¼%	1992	110⅝	+1⅛	11.1	9.438
121	104⅛	Exch	13½%	1992	115½	+1⅛	11.7	9.437
107⅛	93⅛	Treas	10%	1993	102⅝	+1⅛	9.8	9.407
118½	107½	Treas	12½%	1993	112⅝	+1⅛	11.1	9.464
95⅛	81¾	Fund	6%	1993	89½	+1½	6.7	8.401
125⅛	107⅛	Treas	13¾%	1993	119	● +1½	11.6	9.530
129⅛	113½	Treas	14½%	1994	123¼	+1¾	11.8	9.524
120⅛	103⅛	Exch	12½%	1994	114	+1¾	11.0	9.609
124¾	108⅛	Exch	13½%	1994	118⅝	● +1¾	11.4	9.622
103¼	89⅝	Treas	9%	1994	98	● +1¼	9.2	9.380
107⅞	39⅛	Treas	10%	1994	102⅝	+1¾	9.8	9.497
118¼	105½	Treas	12%	1995	112⅛	+1¾	10.7	9.582
84¼	75⅛	Gas	3%	1990-95	81⅛	● +1¾	3.7	8.359
109⅛	97⅛	Exch	10¼%	1995	103¾	+1⅛	9.9	9.513
123⅛	108	Treas	12¾%	1995	117	● +2⅛	10.9	9.616
130⅝	116⅛	Treas	14%	1996	123¼	+2⅛	11.4	9.755
102⅝	89	Treas	9%	1992-96	97⅛	+1⅛	9.2	9.321
139⅛	118½	Treas	15¼%	1996	130⅛	● +2¼	11.6	9.778
127⅞	109⅛	Exch	13¼%	1996	120⅝	● +2⅛	11.0	9.658
89½	80	Rdmpt	3%	1986	85¼	+⅞	3.5	
108½	92¼	Conv	10%	1996	102½	● +2	9.8	9.558
128⅛	113½	Treas	13¼%	1997	120⅞	+2¼	11.0	9.736
111½	95	Exch	10½%	1997	105⅛	+2⅛	10.0	9.603
101	86⅛	Treas	8¾%	1997	95½	+2¼	9.2	9.430
140	121	Exch	15%	1997	131½	● +2⅜	11.4	9.934
89⅛	76⅝	Treas	6¾%	1995-98	83½	● +1¾	8.1	9.233
106¾	93½	Exch	9¾%	1998	100⅝	+2⅛	9.7	9.622

TOBACCOS

1987 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
709	434	BAT (aa)	447	452	● -33	21.0	4.7	10.6
183	118	Carroll	130	140	●			
499	236	Rothmans 'B' (aa)	313	320	-54	10.6	3.3	8.8

● Ex dividend a Ex all b Forecast dividend e Interim payment passed f Price at suspension g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment k Pre-merger figures n Forecast earnings o Ex other r Ex rights s Ex scrip or share split t Tax-free .. No significant data.

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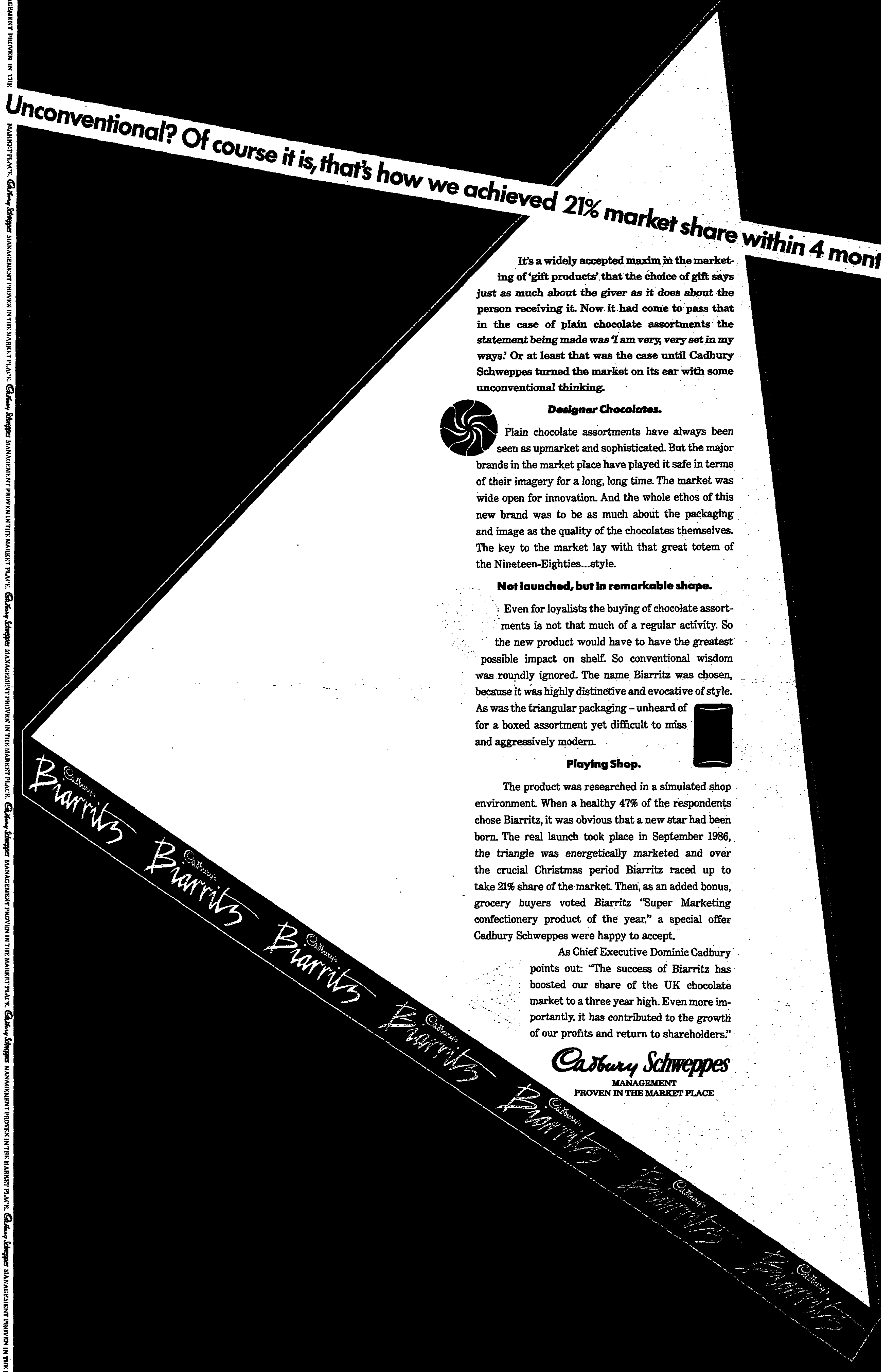

Unconventional? Of course it is, that's how we achieved 21% market share within 4 months.

It's a widely accepted maxim in the marketing of 'gift products' that the choice of gift says *just as much about the giver as it does about the* person receiving it. Now it had come to pass that in the case of plain chocolate assortments the *statement being made was 'I am very, very set in my* ways.' Or at least that was the case until Cadbury Schweppes turned the market on its ear with some unconventional thinking.

Designer Chocolates.

Plain chocolate assortments have always been seen as upmarket and sophisticated. But the major brands in the market place have played it safe in terms of their imagery for a long, long time. The market was wide open for innovation. And the whole ethos of this new brand was to be as much about the packaging and image as the quality of the chocolates themselves. The key to the market lay with that great totem of the Nineteen-Eighties...style.

Not launched, but in remarkable shape.

Even for loyalists the buying of chocolate assortments is not that much of a regular activity. So the new product would have to have the greatest possible impact on shelf. So conventional wisdom was roundly ignored. The name Biarritz was chosen, because it was highly distinctive and evocative of style. As was the triangular packaging – unheard of for a boxed assortment yet difficult to miss and aggressively modern.

Playing Shop.

The product was researched in a simulated shop environment. When a healthy 47% of the respondents chose Biarritz, it was obvious that a new star had been born. The real launch took place in September 1986, the triangle was energetically marketed and over the crucial Christmas period Biarritz raced up to take 21% share of the market. Then, as an added bonus, grocery buyers voted Biarritz "Super Marketing confectionery product of the year," a special offer Cadbury Schweppes were happy to accept.

As Chief Executive Dominic Cadbury points out: "The success of Biarritz has boosted our share of the UK chocolate market to a three year high. Even more importantly, it has contributed to the growth of our profits and return to shareholders."

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UNLISTED SECURITIES

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

Sterling index compared with 1975 was up at 74.1 (day's range 73.5-74.1).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Market rates for October 26

	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
New Yrk	1.6830-1.6950	1.6875-1.6885	0.37-0.35pr	0.81-0.77pr
Montrl	2.2098-2.2281	2.2174-2.2204	0.37-0.26pr	0.55-0.39pr
Amstrdm	3.3635-3.3777	3.3725-3.3770	1⅝-1½pr	3⅞-3¾pr
Brussels	62.36-62.65	62.37-62.53	18-14pr	40-31pr
Copngn	11.4792-11.5387	11.4792-11.5029	¼-1ds	2⅝-3⅝ds
Dublin	1.1176-1.1236	1.1179-1.1189	20-10pr	40-24pr
Frankft	2.9898-3.0022	2.9978-3.0022	1⅝-1½pr	3⅞-3¾pr
Lisbon	236.63-238.66	236.76-237.74	48-103ds	188-279ds
Madrid	193.12-194.92	194.54-194.82	43-112ds	132-212ds
Milan	2158.03-2174.26	2163.38-2168.03	1-4ds	12-17ds
Oslo	11.0068-11.0850	11.0616-11.0850	3⅝-4⅛ds	12-12¾ds
Paris	10.0096-10.0550	10.0406-10.0550	1¾-1⅝pr	2-1pr
Stckhlm	10.5642-10.6277	10.6026-10.6257	⅝-⅛pr	1⅝-¼pr
Tokyo	238.65-240.36	239.96-240.36	1¼-1pr	2⅞-2⅝pr
Vienna	21.02-21.21	21.02-21.05	9⅝-8⅝pr	26⅝-22⅝pr
Zurich	2.4671-2.4755	2.4705-2.4745	1½-1¼pr	3¼-2⅞pr

Premium = pr. Discount = ds.

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	6.8705-6.9579
Australia dollar	2.3697-2.3729
Bahrain dinar	0.6320-0.6360
Brazil cruzado *	91.9970-92.4973
Cyprus pound	0.7880-0.7980
Finland marka	7.2557-7.2975
Greece drachma	230.00-232.00
Hong Kong dollar	13.183-13.195
India rupee	21.81-22.01
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4680-0.4720
Malaysia dollar	4.2402-4.2445
Mexico peso	27.00-27.50
New Zealand dollar	2.6009-2.6106
Saudi Arabia riyal	6.2925-6.3325
Singapore dollar	3.5059-3.5098
S Africa rand (fin)	5.6499-5.8493
S Africa rand (com)	3.4080-3.4170
U A E dirham	6.1625-6.2025

*Lloyds Bank. Rates supplied by Extel and Barclays Bank HOFEX

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.5060-1.5190	Denmark	6.8030-6.8080	Italy	1281.0-1282.0
Singapore	2.0770-2.0780	W Germany	1.7730-1.7737	Belgium (Com)	37.00-37.03
Malaysia	2.5120-2.5130	Switzerland	1.4620-1.4630	Hong Kong	7.8100-7.8120
Australia	0.7108-0.7113	Netherlands	1.9950-1.9960	Portugal	140.80-141.20
Canada	1.3135-1.3145	France	5.9340-5.9370	Spain	115.10-115.20
Sweden	6.2755-6.2805	Japan	141.87-141.97	Austria	12.49-12.51
Norway	6.5350-6.5400				

Rates supplied by Barclays Bank HOFEX and Extel.

MONEY MARKETS

Base Rates %: Clearing Banks 9½ Finance Hse 10½

Discount Market Loans %
Overnight High: 9¾ Low 9 Week fixed: 9¼

Treasury Bills (Discount %)
Buying: 2 mth — 9¼ 3 mth — 8²⁹⁄₃₂
Selling: 2 mth — 9 3 mth — 8²⁵⁄₃₂

Prime Bank Bills (Discount %)
1 mth: 9³⁄₁₆-9⅛ 2 mth: 9¹⁄₁₆-8¹⁵⁄₁₆ 3 mth: 8¹⁵⁄₁₆-8⅞
6 mth 8¹³⁄₁₆-8¹¹⁄₁₆

Trade Bills (Discount %)
1 mth: 9¹²⁄₁₆ 2 mth: 9¹¹⁄₁₆ 3 mth: 9⁵⁄₁₆
6 mth 9⁷⁄₁₆

Interbank (%). Overnight: open 9⅝ close 9⅝
1 week: 9⅝-9½ 1 mth: 9⅝-9½ 3 mth: 9⁵⁄₁₆-9¼
6 mth: 9⁵⁄₁₆-9¼ 9 mth: 9⅜-9⁵⁄₁₆ 12 mth: 9⁷⁄₁₆-9⁵⁄₁₆

Local Authority Deposits (%)
2 day: 9¼ 7 day: 9¼ 1 mth: 9⅜
3 mth: 9 6 mth: 9 12 mth: 9¹⁄₁₆

Local Authority Bonds (%)
1 mth: 10-9¾ 2 mth: 10⅛-9⅞ 3 mth: 10³⁄₁₆-9⅞
6 mth: 10⅜-10⅛ 9 mth: 10⁷⁄₁₆-10³⁄₁₆ 12 mth: 10½-10¼

Sterling CDs (%)
1 mth: 9⁵⁄₁₆-9³⁄₁₆ 3 mth: 9¼-9⅛ 6 mth: 9⅛-9
12 mth: 9⅛-9

Dollar CDs (%)
1 mth: 7.10-7.05 3 mth: 7.50-7.45 6 mth: 7.60-7.55
12 mth: 8.05-8.00

EURO MONEY DEPOSITS %

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth
Dollar:	6¹⁵⁄₁₆-¹¹⁄₁₆	7¹⁄₁₆-6¹⁵⁄₁₆	7⅝-7½	7¹¹⁄₁₆-7⁹⁄₁₆
Call: 7¼-6¾				
Deutschemark:	3¹³⁄₁₆-¹¹⁄₁₆	3¹³⁄₁₆-¹¹⁄₁₆	4⅝-4½	4¹³⁄₁₆-¹¹⁄₁₆
Call: 4-3				
French Franc:	7⅞-7⅝	7⅞-7⅝	8⁹⁄₁₆-8⁷⁄₁₆	8¹³⁄₁₆-¹¹⁄₁₆
Call: 7½-6½				
Swiss Franc:	7⅜-7⅛	3¼-3⅛	4⅛-4⅜	4¾-4⅝
Call: 1½-½				
Yen:	4⅜-4¼	4⁵⁄₁₆-4³⁄₁₆	4¹³⁄₁₆-¹¹⁄₁₆	4⅞-4¾
Call: 3¼-2¾				

ECGD

Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: August 28, 1987. Agreed rates September 23, 1987 to October 25, 1987. Scheme I: 11.24 per cent. Schemes II & III: 11.31 per cent. Reference rate August 1, 1987 to August 28, 1987. Scheme IV: 10.037 per cent.

GOLD

BULLION:
Open: $475.25-475.75 Close: $475.75-476.50
High: $480.00-481.00 Low: $474.00-474.75

COINS: Per coin (*Ex VAT)
Britannia: $490.00-495.00 (£290.50-293.50)
Krugerrand*: $474.50-477.50 (£281.00-283.00)
Mapleleaf (1/1oz): $490.00-495.00 (£290.50-293.50)
American Eagles: $490.00-495.00 (£290.50-293.50)
New Sovereigns*: $112.00-113.00 (£66.25-67.00)
Old Sovereigns*: $112.00-113.50 (£66.25-67.25)
Platinum: $571.25 (£338.20)
Palladium: $128.50 (£76.10)
Silver: $7.44-7.48 (£4.410-4.425)

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Open	High	Low	Close	Vol
Three Month Sterling		Previous open interest 16285			
Dec 87	91.00	91.30	91.00	91.12	8276
Mar 88	91.05	91.40	91.05	91.12	2419
Jun 88	91.23	91.40	91.03	91.11	535
Sep 88	91.40	91.40	91.13	91.08	47
Dec 88	NT	—	—	91.07	0
Mar 89	NT	—	—	90.97	0
Three Month Eurodollar		Previous open interest 37600			
Dec 87	92.57	92.65	92.40	92.55	7541
Mar 88	92.32	92.45	92.25	92.33	2390
Jun 88	91.86	91.92	91.77	91.76	531
Sep 88	91.45	91.50	91.27	91.30	147
Dec 88	91.19	91.19	91.19	91.07	5
Mar 89	NT	—	—	90.90	0

	Open	High	Low	Close	Vol
US Treasury Bond		Previous open interest 16334			
Dec 87	88-10	88-17	87-08	87-21	12522
Mar 88	86-15	86-15	86-15	86-24	2
Long Gilt		Previous open interest 29952			
Dec 87	120-04	121-18	119-30	120-13	49741
Mar 88	121-08	121-14	120-14	120-13	152
Jun 88	NT	—	—	—	
FT-SE 100		Previous open interest 9417			
Dec 87	163.00	168.00	160.00	165.00	5064
Mar 88	NT	—	—	169.50	0
Japanese Govt Bond		Previous open interest 838			
Dec 87	102.70	103.35	102.56	102.70	709
Mar 88	NT	—	—	102.20	0

COMMODITIES

ICIS-LOR Group

A quiet market - took Dec Brent paper below $19.00, but selling resistance limited activity. Part of the downward pressure came from a consistently negative but thin Merc. All products followed the weakening futures with reasonable trade mainly in paper gasoil.

CRUDE OILS/assessed ($/BBL FOB)		
Brent Phys	18.80	-05
15 day Nov	18.85	-10
15 day Dec	18.90	-15
WTI Dec	19.95	-15
WTI Jan	19.80	-20

PRODUCTS Buy/sell $/MT.
Spot CIF NW Euro - prompt delivery

Prem Gas .15		186-188	
Gasoil EEC	-3	171-174	-2
Non 1H Oct	-1	167-169	
Non 1H Nov	-2	167-168	-2
3.5 Fuel Oil	-2	101-102	-2
Naphtha	-1	163-165	-1

GAS OIL G W Joynson

Nov	167.00-66.75
Dec	168.25-68.00
Jan	169.50-69.25
Feb	168.50-68.25
Mar	164.50-60.00
Apr	161.50-55.00
May	160.00-52.00
Jun	159.00-50.00
Jul	158.00-50.00
Vol	3762

HVY FUEL OIL Reuter

Nov	unq.-102.5
Dec	unq.
Vol	0

BIFFEX

GNI Freight Futures Dry Cargo ($10/pt)
Oct 87 Hi 1155-1149 Low Close 1149.0
Jan 88 Hi 1272-1257 Low Close 1257.0
Apr 88 Hi 1298-1285 Low Close 1288.0
Jul 88 1255-1175 Close 1175.0
Vol 166 lots Open interest 1552
Dry cargo index 1148.0 +3.5 on 23/10/87

LONDON POTATO FUTURES (£/tonne)

Mth	Open	Close
Nov	88.50	89.00
Feb	97.50	100.00
Mar	91.50	92.30
Apr	146.00	154.80
		Vol 1147

LONDON FOX

COCOA	**G W Joynson**
Dec 1156-155	Sep 1252-250
Mar 1188-187	Dec 1277-275
May 1210-209	Mar 1298-297
Jul 1232-228	Vol 2141
COFFEE	**G W Joynson**
Nov 1310-305	Jul 1402-400
Jan 1339-338	Sep 1420-415
Mar 1360-358	Nov 1440-420
May 1385-382	Vol 1812
SUGAR	**C Czarnikow**
FOB	Vol: 2600
Dec 184.0-83.0	Mar 170.6-70.4
May 171.6-71.4	Aug 173.4-73.0
Oct 174.2-73.8	Dec 176.0-75.0

LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT close (£/t) Vol 210
Nv 107.85 Ja 110.05 Mr 112.05
My 114.30 Jl 116.40 Sp 102.50

BARLEY close (£/t) Vol 148
Nv 103.75 Ja 106.45 Mr 108.25
My 109.75 Jl unq. Sp 99.10

SOYABEAN
Dec 132.0-31.0 Aug 125.0-23.5
Feb 133.3-32.8 Oct 126.0-24.0
Apr 133.5-32.5 Dec 127.0-25.0
Jun 128.0-25.0 Vol 92

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

Official prices/volume previous day Rudolf Wolf

(£/tonne)	Cash	3 month	Vol	Tone
Copper Gde A	1202.0-1207.0	1097.0-1099.0	311875	Easier
Copper Stand	1180.0-1185.0	1080.0-1095.0	325	Quiet
Lead	353.0-354.0	345.0-346.0	45725	Steadier
Zinc Hi Gde	453.0-454.0	458.5-459.0	29300	Brly/Stdy
Silver Large†	765.0-769.0	769.0-771.0	15	Quiet
Silver Small†	755.0-768.0	769.0-771.0	Nil	Quiet
Aluminium	1075.0-1080.0	1020.0-1025.0	239125	Easy
Aluminium II*	1830.0-1850.0	1755.0-1760.0	4550	Quiet
Nickel	3405-3415	3365-3368	5484	Easy

† (Cents per Troy oz). * ($ per tonne)

LONDON MEAT FUTURES (£/kg)

Live Pig Contract

Mth	Open	Close
Oct	unq.	98.40
Nov	97.80	94.00
Feb	95.80	93.30
Apr	96.30	96.09

Live Cattle Contract

Mth	Open	Close
Oct	94.70	94.70
Nov	98.00	98.00
Feb	—	—

Vol Pig-23 Cattle-0

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Av'ge fatstock prices at representative markets on October 26

(/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB (p)	74.98	171.10	94.80
GB (+/-)	-0.96	*+6.11	+0.25
Eng/Wal (%)	-13.7	-4.5	-9.5
Eng/Wal (p)	74.96	171.02	94.69
Eng/Wal (+/-)	-0.97	+4.70	+0.23
Scotland (%)	+26.5	+3.5	-9.3
Scotland (p)	77.11	171.41	95.96
Scotland (+/-)	-2.58	+11.61	+0.49

* Estimated dead carcase weight

The small man's stock market fights on

Many people wanted to strangle it at birth, but on November 10 the USM will be seven years old, a lusty youngster with 580 members and a capitalization of around £7 billion

Next month, the Unlisted Securities Market celebrates a milestone that many of its critics doubted it would ever reach: its seventh birthday.

Trading started on November 10, 1980, in a total of 11 securities, only two of which are still quoted on the junior market. The rest were either bid for, went on to better things, or fell by the wayside.

They included eight industrial companies (Scan Data International, John Hadland, Hesketh Motorcycles, Air Call, Fuller Smith and Turner, United Electronic Holdings, McLaughlin and Harvey and London & Continental Advertising) and three oil companies (Sovereign Oil & Gas, Clyde Petroleum and Algy Cluff's Cluff Oil).

The problems encountered by small companies trying to raise funds to finance expansion have been highlighted by no less than four emminent bodies over the years.

The Macmillan Committee first defined the problems back in 1931. The Radcliffe Committe on the workings of the monetary system touched on the subject in 1959, as did the Bolton Committee inquiry into Small Firms in 1971. But it was only after the findings of the Wilson Committee into the functions of financial institutions were made known in the late 1970s that action was taken.

The committee noted that the number of new listings between 1973 and 1978 had slowed to a trickle compared with the 1960s and early 1970s. Most small businessmen were being forced to generate their own finance or turn to the banks for extra working capital, limiting the scope for growth as they lurched from one bank loan to another.

The strict Stock Exchange regulations demanding a five-year track record, combined with the high cost of a listing which could be as much as £200,000, made the possibility of a public listing almost impossible.

The Wilson Committee decided that there was scope for small companies to enjoy the benefit of issuing equity without the hinderence of a full quote. A junior market, it said, would offer those companies the chance to obtain some of the benefits already enjoyed by larger companies.

The Stock Exchange, already worried by the decision of most companies to stay private, had also become concerned at the amount of business it was loosing to licensed dealers, such as Granville and Harvard Securities, which were starting to create their own markets, thereby fulfilling the needs of budding entrepreneurs.

Many businessman were clearly being deterred by the economic climate at the time of low profitability and high interest rates and by the restraints the Stock Exchange wanted to impose.

In early 1980, the Stock Exchange Council finally published its guidelines for the USM aimed at encouraging small businesses to seek a quote. These included restricting the amount of equity to be offered to the public to a minimum 10 per cent, to admit companies on a three-year trading record where appropriate, to require a table of financial statistics rather than an expensive set of formal accounts and asking all companies to sign a listing agreement.

But the proposals attracted fierce criticsm from dealers worried that the USM would lower Stock Exchange standards, attract the wrong sort of companies and leave investors exposed.

The first USM casualty: Lord Hesketh's motorcycle group

But even the harshest of those critics has been shocked by the success of the venture. Within weeks, the original 11 constituents had more than doubled and at the end of the first year the total capitalization of the market was £646 million. By 1984, the number of companies quoted had grown to 250, worth a staggering £2.83 billion.

This figure has since swelled to almost 600 companies with more than 100 of them going on to a full listing.

The USM also reflected the growth and decline of various industries. In the early years the market was dominated by the oil sector. Oil production companies flourished as the search for oil in the North Sea reached a climax. In 1983, the emphasis had switched to high-tech companies as the personal computer made its presence felt. But now the market enjoys a broader spread and is less affected by individual sectors.

The junior market is continuing to grow and the total capitalization of companies quoted at present is estimated to be around £7.98 billion.

But the USM has also had its setbacks, though the bloodbath that had been forcast by some failed to materialize.

Hesketh Motorcycle Group, headed by Lord Hesketh, was the first casualty when shares were suspended in January 1982, and the receiver appointed. Euroflame Holdings was suspended a month later with the liquidator finally appointed in 1985. Other companies that went to the wall were IO Technology, suspended in April 1983, Castle GB, the kitchen and bathroom equipment supplier, in February 1986, along with ICC Oil Services and Metal Sciences in August that year.

Shares of Access Satellite International were suspended in April last year pending clarification of the company's financial position.

Geoffrey Douglas, head of USM research at brokers Hoare Govett, points out that a number of other companies have run into trouble over the years but were saved by "distress acquisitions". Breville Europe was rescued by Valor, Applied Botanics bought by REA, and Aaronite, the oil rig fire protection group, bid for by Morceau.

Mr Douglas says the USM has helped to satisfy the needs of smaller companies and has more than lived up to expectations. "It is helpful that those sort of companies have their own universe," he says.

He is also pleased that the USM came through Big Bang virtually unscathed and once again confounded its critics who had predicted that turnover would suffer. "Dealing has become, if anything, a shade easier since Big Bang with a lot more players in the market-place," he says.

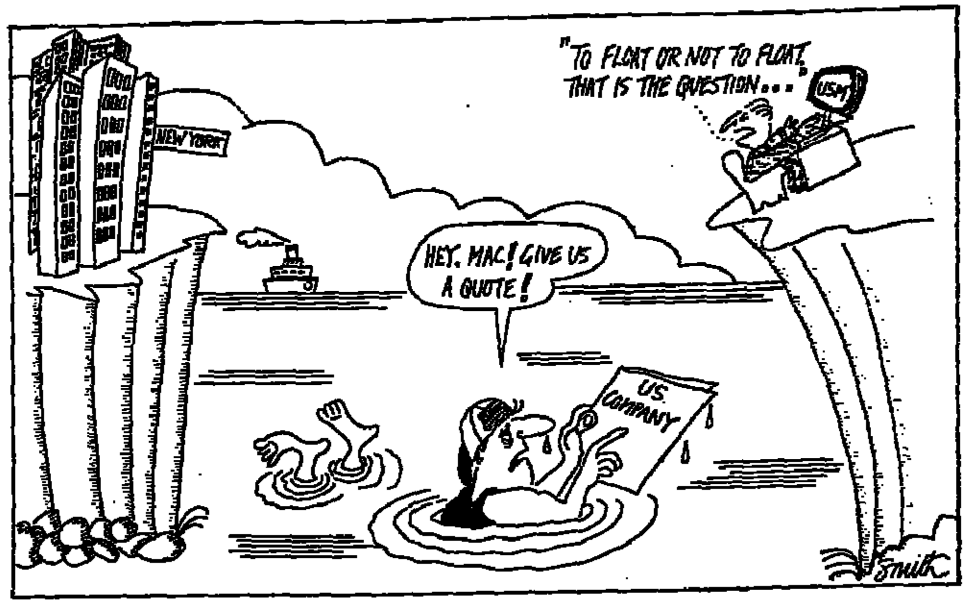
The Hoare Govett Smaller Companies index shows that smaller companies have consistently outperformed their rivals on the main market. This, it must be admitted, is partly due to the low level of equity held by the market. It also means the USM can expect to be better cushioned against the sharp falls that have been creating havoc elsewhere in the market.

Despite all this, there are signs that some businessmen are having second thoughts about the USM and seeking a full quote. Recent alterations in listing requirements have raised the cost of entry to the junior market and narrowed the cost gap of a full listing.

"Small companies that move straight to main market do themselves a dis-service. If you achieve a good track record you can be seen on the USM and attract more support", adds Mr Douglas, who believes that the USM will continue to thrive.

Michael Clark

> ‘Even the harshest of critics has been shocked by the success of the USM’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‘Swimmers’ dive in

They call them swimmers: American companies which cross the Atlantic seeking a quotation on the London Unlisted Securities Market. They have always been viewed with considerable suspicion by London stock market professionals,

Andrew Holland, the USM expert at County Securities says: "Potential investors always ask: 'If this is such a good company why do they need to float the stock over here, why not do it in the US?' I have to agree that the question has never been satisfactorily answered."

Edward Bowden, who manages small companies funds for Lazard Securities puts it more forcefully: "A lot of the Americans seem to think we Brits were born yesterday. There is always the feeling that the reason they are here is that they could not pass the much tougher regulatory requirments of the US Securities and Exchange Commission."

The suspicion of all things foreign was to some degree intensified in the early years of the USM when the "swimmers" tended to be the high technology stocks badly mauled in their own private bear market of 1985.

Typifying the difficulties such companies faced was Nimslo, the much-hyped three-dimensional camera company which, since entering the USM lists in 1981, has remained deeply in the red. Its amateur 3D cameras were an almighty flop. And even after selling off the camera rights for 2.83 million dollars its latest year-end figures showed losses of more than a million dollars. It hopes to survive on licence income, exploiting the 3D system outside the US and on film processing labs.

Despite this kind of cautionary tale, a dozen American companies have found their way to the USM if only to find themselves on the receiving end of a lukewarm reception. They include such high-profile names as Mrs Debbie Field's cookie concern, Jack Rennie's Pacer System, Phillipe Kahn's California software house Borland International, Frank Denton's optical component-maker Optometrics, and architects Tribble Harris Li.

Jack Rennie, head of Pacer, a defence industry supplier from Massachusetts, is full of cogent reasons for his group's decision to head for London. In late 1984 he sought a quote in the US but the response from Wall Street was pretty negative. However, a contact alerted him to the possibilities of London's USM and to this date he remains astonished at the speed with which the deed was done. It took no more than 17 weeks from the first approach to getting the shares on to the stock market. He felt it might have taken twice as long in the US.

As a result, the cost of the USM quote is, he estimates, no more than 12 per cent of the amount of capital being raised against perhaps 20 per cent on the other side of the pond.

Mr Rennie was also full of praise for the professionalism of those charged with investigating the company in preparation for the listing. He claims they were both courteous and thorough and did not try to classify the company into some stereotype. He was further surprised to find some of the top securities firms in London prepared to act for him and found the reporting requirements, the rules on share sales by the company's officers and the ease with which new money could be raised, were all very reasonable.

They and other American firms have found the flexible approach of the City to lively young companies refreshingly different. But the question still remains whether the rules for USM entry are too free and easy even though the rules in the US may well be too tough.

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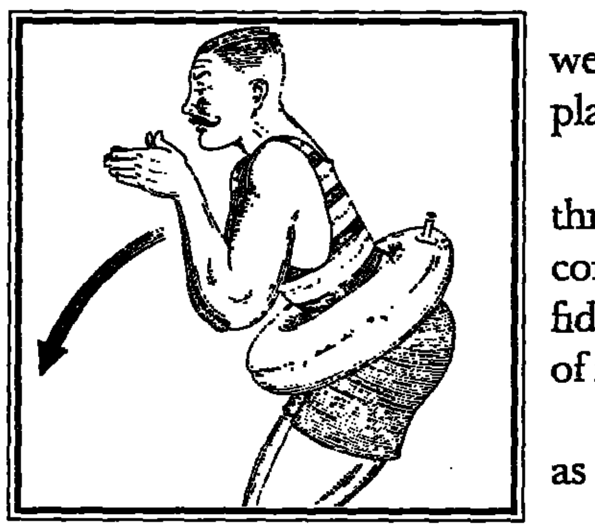

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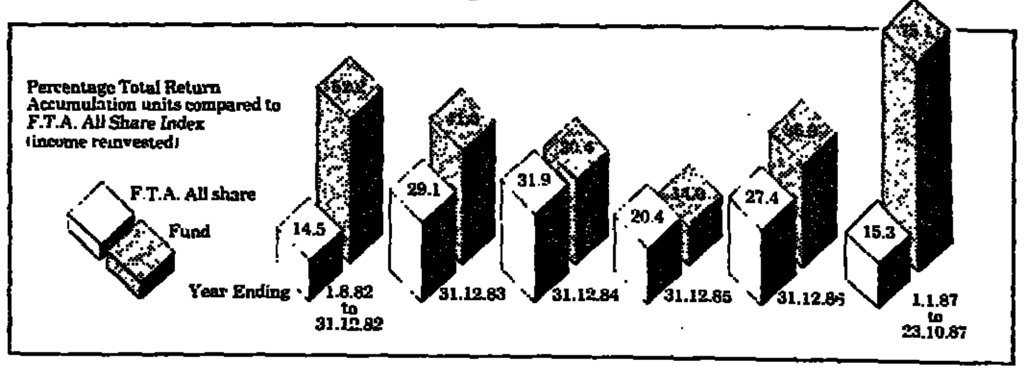

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Takeovers galore as bulls horned in on rising premiums

The main features of the Unlisted Securities Market during 1987 have been the increase in takeover activity, the dramatic increase, until last week, in new-issue premiums attained on first-day dealings, the increasing number of "shell" companies being snapped up by ambitious entrepreneurs and the fact that USM shares have out-performed the main market.

New-issue premiums, a subject which interests all investors, averaged out at 23 per cent during the first half of this year, a huge increase on the 8.5 per cent average of 1986.

While the bull market has raged, the sell orders which would once have flooded in as soon as the market deemed that the premium had gone too high, have not, barring last week's hiccup, materialized.

Instead, it seems that there have been only buyers around and the shares moved steadily higher during the first nine months of this year.

The size of the premiums has been encouraged by the underlying strength of the market. In the first six months of 1987, the USM index rose by 59 per cent to 195.3, outperforming the FTA-All Share Index by 15 per cent.

A review of different sectors shows that USM financials was once again the star performer, rising by 74 per cent – outperforming the All-Share by 25 per cent – with the USM computing index rising by 67 per cent, oil by 50 per cent and electronics by 44 per cent.

Huge increase in takeovers

The fact that larger companies are increasingly looking to the USM for their acquisitions has led to a huge increase in takeover activity.

More than 35 USM companies have been taken over so far this year – a figure which contrasts sharply with the grand total at the end of 1986 of just 50 takeovers since the market started in 1980.

Carol Leonard

Six hundred millionaires in fear of a mauling

Gyngell: maverick tycoon

Celebrating its seventh birthday next month will be a less than joyous occasion for the Unlisted Securities Market. It is now embroiled in its first-ever full-scale bear market and the savagery of the experience is even worse than most pessimists feared.

The mood was very different in March when the firm of accountants Touche Ross published its USM update and announced to a stunned world that the market had since inception created, on paper at least, some 600 millionaires, *writes Jim Levi*. How many of them will still be in that millionaire class when the bear market has run its course is an intriguing question.

But the bull market of the last few years has certainly created more than its share of remarkable business personalities from the USM nursery – and a number of them look destined to take their place alongside the great names in the British business scene.

Tony Berry, the hero of Blue Arrow, is a case in point. Back in the summer of 1984 he and his advisers were wondering whether they should postpone the planned flotation of their employment agency business on the USM. As we all know now, just three years later, after the audacious acquisition of Manpower in America, Mr Berry sits atop the biggest employment agency company in the world and the shares of his company stand poised to enter the illustrious list of the top 100 shares.

Bruce Gyngell, the pink-shirted maverick tycoon charged with running TV-am might fit into the same hero mould as Mr Berry a few years down the line. Certainly he has transformed the fortunes of the breakfast-television outfit after its disastrous launch 4½ years ago.

Berry: Blue Arrow hero

Reaction against the original, less commercially minded regime, has produced a business which has turned itself into a profit-making machine appropriate to the early days of ITV when Lord Thomson described the franchises as a licence to print money.

Last year, TV-am returned profits of £8.7 million and some £12.25 million is expected for the current financial year.

It was perhaps no surprise to find Trevor Abrahamsohn's Glentree property and estate agency business suffering badly in last week's shake-out. The shares fell by more than one-fifth but then the price earnings ratio on the shares prior to the big shake-out hand been as high as 170.

Certainly the market expects great things of Mr Abrahamsohn in his partnership with the former Hillsdown Holdings chief executive, David Thompson. Perhaps both men will welcome the market's decision to blow some of the froth off the company's share price.

It is sincerely to be hoped that one of the leading ladies in the USM lists emerges as a major force in British business. Certainly compared with the United States and France, Britain has far too few leading tycoons who are female.

Her US nationality excludes Debbie Fields, the cookies queen, from this list so we must rely on women like Ann Bruh of the Frank Usher fashion house, Debbie Moore of Pineapple and Sophie Mirman, the Marks & Spencer-trained ace who created the Sock Shops chain.

One of the most impressive figures to emerge in the USM has been Hugh Sykes the 55-year-old accountant who runs Thermal Scientific with quiet but impressive efficiency. When he brought the group to market in 1983 it turned in profits of just £500,000 in its maiden year as a public company. In the current year, the electric furnaces, welding and plastic machinery group is expected to deliver profits nearer the £10 million mark.

He may lack some of the panache of other USM tycoons but it is hard to fault the performance he has delivered.

Of course, there has been no shortage of graduates from the USM during its seven-year life. More than 80 have graduated to the main market. That is proof enough, if proof is needed, that the nursery market is mature enough to create substantial businesses from small beginnings.

The test now is to see how the market shapes up in the face of the growling bears.

Les Lee

Former M & S star Sophie Mirman: created the Sock Shops

Simon Townsley

Businesswoman Debbie Fields: the cookies queen

What will happen in the time of the bear?

While claiming that the Unlisted Securities Market has been a success and has a great future, Brian Winterflood of County Bank thinks that the liquidity of both the USM and the Third Market could be tested in a bear market, *writes Carol Leonard.*

Mr Winterflood, nicknamed "Mr USM" because his firm – Bisgood Bishop before its acquisition by County and NatWest – was one of the first to make markets in all the USM stocks, said: "With a bear market, I think the depth of liquidity on the USM and third tier may not be that good. But unlike the over-the-counter market, the companies on the USM can stand on their own two feet if they have to. They are all established companies. If they find their paper is worthless, it would make acqtistions more difficult, but they are still capable of growing organically."

Trade in USM stocks has grown enormously since Big Bang last October. It has created a four-fold expansion in turnover, with the USM further bouyed up by the growth in the number of tip-sheets."

Many market men had feared that the USM would experience reduced liquidity on the impact of Big Bang and the creation of the Third Market. But County NatWest figures show that in the first six months of 1987, liquidity rose, with the average value of shares traded each day increasing by 68 per cent, from £13.3 million to £22.4 million.

They suggest four contributory factors to explain this. The liquidity has undoubtedly been fuelled by the increased takeover activity of USM companies and, second, the heightened post-Big Bang competition between market-makers dealing in larger stocks has served to increase their involvment with smaller companies.

An increasing trend towards in-house crossing of stock has further helped and there has been a significant increase in the number of new market-makers, who are additionally leading USM sponsors.

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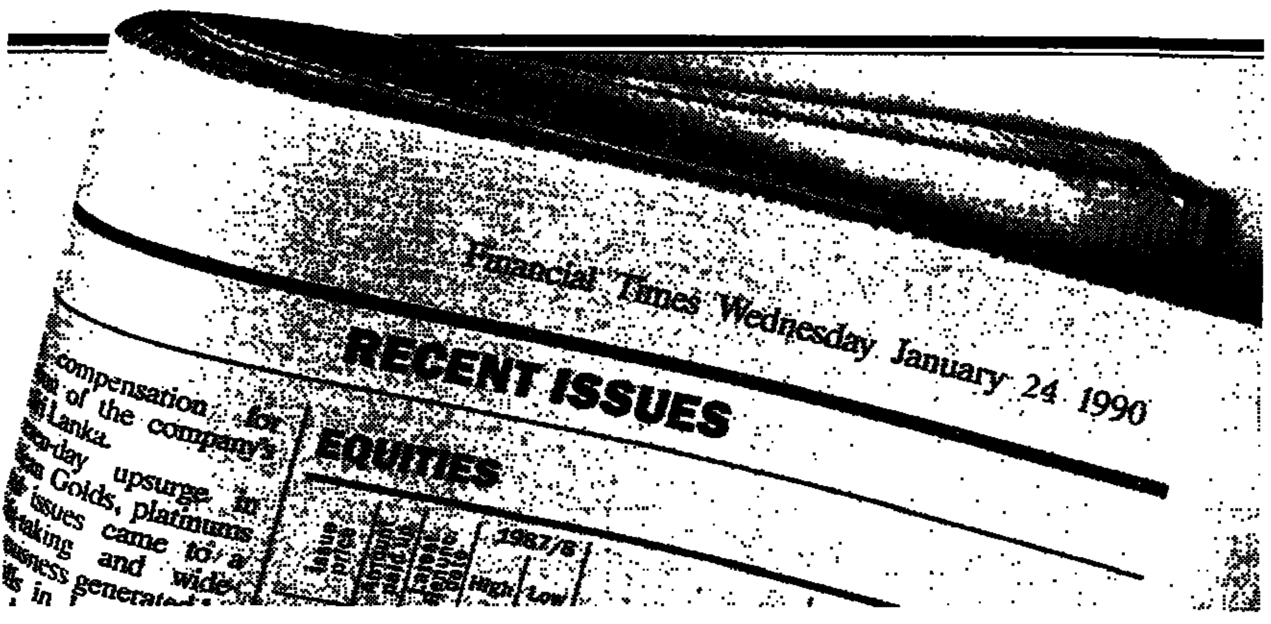

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How the Russians bought in the West

Norwegian authorities disclosed last week that Norway's state-owned arms company, Kongsberg Vaapenfabrikk, had shipped to the Soviet Union more than 140 computers capable of running sophisticated machine tools and had cooperated with nearly half a dozen Nato countries in shipping other high-technology equipment to the Soviet Union.

The sheer number of computers involved was more than 10 times the figure previously suspected by investigators. It led to charges that Norway's involvement in illegal diversion of high technology goods went far beyond its part in the Toshiba scandal, in which Toshiba Machine and the Norwegian company sold sophisticated submarine and computer equipment to the Soviet military.

More than 80 of the Kongsberg computers — numerical controllers — were clearly in violation of export rules set up by CoCom, the allies' Coordinating Committee for Export Control.

The new disclosures come as the US seeks tighter export controls from its Nato allies and as the US Congress is considering sanctions against Toshiba and Kongsberg.

NORWAY

By David Sanger

Norway announced that it had filed more charges against Bernard Green, a former Kongsberg official who was in charge of the sales, and two technical advisers involved in some of the exports, which included Swedish software sent to the Russians this year.

However the report said that the statute of limitations on export offences precluded charges against additional Kongsberg personnel, and it reached no conclusion on the question of whether Mr Green's superiors were aware of the dealings.

The Norwegian report also helped to solve an enduring mystery of the Toshiba affair: how the Russians had obtained the software necessary to design super-quiet submarine propellers, which American officials say have made the Soviet Union's undersea nuclear fleet harder to track. The report indicates that much of the software needed to design and to sculpture such a propeller — but not propeller designs themselves — was also provided by Kongsberg.

The arms company even shipped repair items to the Russians and sent teams of experts to the Soviet Union to teach them how to fix the equipment they were obtaining.

***Investigators* concluded that the more powerful variants of the controllers were often shipped to the Russians without export licences or with licences that misrepresented the capabilities of the equipment. Seventy-six, the report concluded, were illegal.**

In some cases the controllers were sent directly to the Soviet Union. But more often they were shipped to third countries and incorporated in their equipment.

Did the computers decide to sell?

If you were in the share-dealing room of an American broker last week, you would have noticed a phenomenon. The many computer screens tracking the Dow Jones index dipped by a massive 100 points over a relatively short time. Nothing quite like it had ever been seen in the history of the exchange.

The exact sequence of events is still hazy. There are two theories about what happened. The first theory is that several computers made a "sell" decision more or less simultaneously, which led to the Dow dropping by 20 points. This was then fuelled by dealers who, seeing this lack of continuity, and worried by high (at that time) American interest rates, joined in. The second theory is that most of the selling can be attributed to the computers with an equal number of human buyers and sellers having little effect.

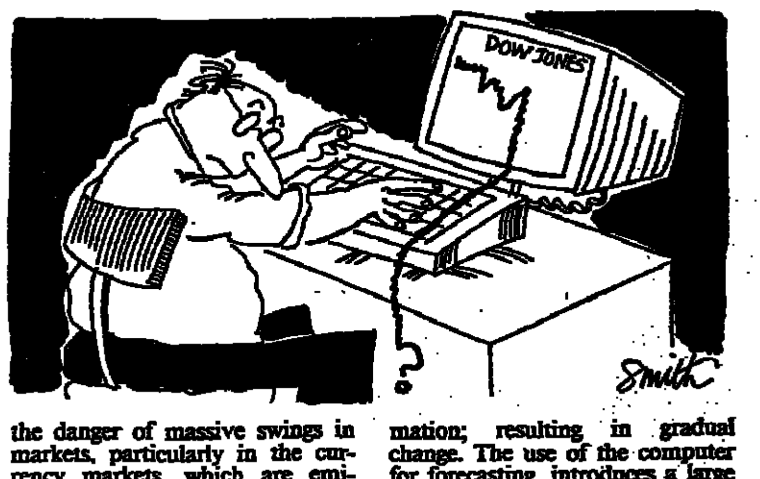
THE WEEK

By Darrell Ince

Whatever happened, it is clear that computers are having a distorting effect on the markets. Last week's erratic behaviour on the American stock exchange was the first solid evidence that the effect that programmed selling can have on the markets. Previously, there had been several signs that should have alerted American analysts.

For example, for some time there was a distinct movement in the American markets at around 5 o' clock. It used to be thought that this was because of the financial *institutions winding* down for the day. However, there is now increasing evidence that it was the result of computers closing down accounts.

What is causing concern to financial analysts is that all the prediction programs used in Wall *Street and the City of London* essentially use the same statistical theory. They will all act in concert when they see the markets rise and fall. So as more and more companies use these programs, there is the danger of massive swings in markets, particularly in the currency markets, which are eminently suited to computer analysis, and where some degree of volatility has been the norm for the last decade.



Previously, the markets have behaved in a relatively random with a mixture of fallible human buyers and sellers acting on hunches, guesses and inside information; resulting in gradual change. The use of the computer for forecasting, introduces a large number of buyers, who all think alike, and whose actions affect each other. This is a recipe, as any systems analyst will tell you, for a *highly unstable system.*

What is interesting is the effect of a new generation of prediction programs which are beginning to percolate into the money markets.

These programs are based on artificial-intelligence technology, and are known as expert systems. They try to "replicate" the skills of a human expert. They are constructed by interviewing an existing expert and codifying the rules he or she uses to make a decision.

The rules are then stored in an area of the computer store known as a knowledge base. The knowledge base is then processed by the expert system in order to answer questions posed by a user.

Already one expert system for currency prediction has been developed by the British software company, Data Logic, and has consistently outgunned many human currency dealers. Other systems have been developed for option and futures trading by IBM and Minnesota university.

It is always difficult to predict the future in computing. However, if expert systems start being seriously used in the financial worlds one of two outcomes could ensue.

First, they could become an off-the-shelf commodity. This will mean that a large number of brokers will use copies of the same computer program which use the same human expert's judgement.

All they will do is to buy in a fast clone of the original expert whose knowledge is embodied in the expert system. Because all these systems will behave the same way, they will add another dose of volatility to the markets.

The second outcome will be that a brokers and financial service companies will develop their expert systems in-house, probably in *conjunction with a software* developer. Such a system will use the best of their dealer's expertise and will not be marketed, but used internally. This will have a dampening effect on the market.

So far there are no tools to analyse the effect of predictive *computers* on the market: the markets are just too complex to analyse.

● *The author is professor of computer science at the Open University*

What happened at the telecom show — and what it will mean around world

Still waiting to plug into the wide world

By Geof Wheelwright

The computer and telecommunications markets came a step closer together last week with a range of new products demonstrated at the communications show Telecom 87 held in Geneva last week.

The show, which brings together the world's suppliers of telecommunications once every four years, demonstrated the current frantic pace of change and the speed with which communications is finally moving towards convergence with the computer sector. Part of this change has been fuelled as several telecommunications companies that were controlled by their governments have now beome privatized or deregulated.

In the four years since the *telecommunication* business last gathered to inspect and show off one another's wares, the huge telephone monopoly in the US was finally broken up by legislation, British Telecom was privatized and the junior competitor, Mercury, started.

Since then cellular portable telephones have also arrived and the manufacturers are convinced that soon they will become commonplace on trains, in cars and beside every fashionable executive's restaurant table.

Despite all this however, the chief focus of the show was on that which has not changed. I refer to the analogue telephone exchanges, which still forms the backbone of many national telephone systems and prevents the widespread use of much of the communications industries products that are waiting for the installation of ISDN, the integrated services digital network.

Once it becomes standard sometime in the 1990s, it will give a great deal more control over just how communications can be used by customers.

Using an ISDN system, for example, you will be able to receive multiple calls on the same telephone in such a way that someone urgently trying *to get hold of* you would be able to send a message to a display screen attached to your telephone saying that they were holding and urgently needed to talk.

You will also be able to detect from the first ring of your phone information about who is calling, what their phone number is and whether or not they had called earlier. You will also be able to use the same telephone line to speak at the same time as computer information is being sent over the line, switch between multiple telephone conversations on the same line and easily hold conference calls.

For managing all these facilities, a computer is needed. *And it was clear at the show* that this fact has not been lost on computer makers.

Digital Equipment, for example, announced a programme aimed at integrating computers with telephones by linking manufacturers of large private switchboards to *DEC* computers. The idea is that the computer would become the vehicle for controlling both the use of data and voice communication over the telephone merging standard telephone functions into the computer.

Computerized directory assistance systems such as this one from RC Computer are likely to find more applications now that the computer and telecom *industries are edging* towards more cooperation

First law sets pace in an era of great changes

By Matthew May

The science-fiction author and guru of the future, Arthur C. Clarke, was the man who anticipated the feasiblity of the geostationery orbit for satellites that are increasingly used for global communications.

He once said: "When a distinguished but very elderly scientist states that something is possible, he is almost certainly right. When he states that something is impossible, he is very probably wrong."

Referred to now as Clarke's first law the phrase was quoted at the opening of the Telecom 87 exhibition in Geneva last week to try and impress on visitors that sweeping changes can be expected in the world of communications over the next few years.

But it seems while companies are well ahead with all sorts of communications products to put on the desk of the future, installing the technology to connect them thoughout the world is still a slow process.

Take for example the concept of the videophone, which has been around for several years. "Imagine a grandmother's delight at being able to see her new grandchild with just a phone call," said the Japanese firm NTT.

Such ideas have little hope of reality at the moment however. Using existing telephone lines only a still picture can be transmitted — the capacity is just not enough for movement. Customers freeze the picture they want sent and it slowly appears on the screen of the phone at the other end of the call.

Its major advantage is that it can be used on the current telephone networks and prices have been falling to the extent that black and white versions are available for less than £300.

Not so with the next stage of videophones — the slow scan version. For a start it needs the new digital telephone networks of the nineties and even then the basic systems provide only a sort of jerky slow motion movement to fit down the capacity of a typical digital channel.

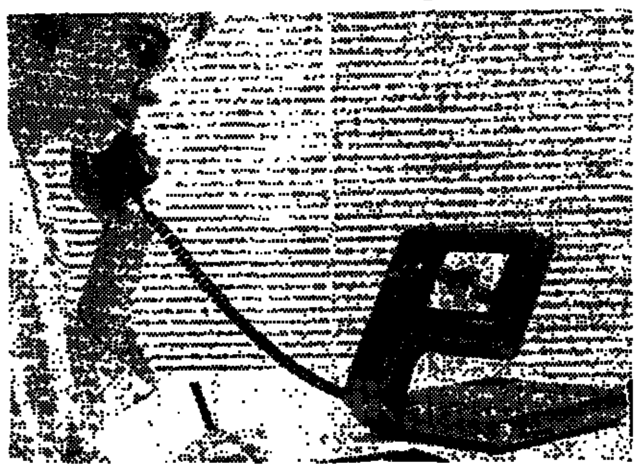
Most companies will not quote prices yet but those that do start at a phenomenal £30,000 or so and not surprisingly manufacturers expect costs to plummet over the next five years.

But once advanced networks become widely available there are hopes for boom conditions with a report from the research consultancy Dataquest, predicting that fully-integrated communications between personal computers throughout the world will become commonplace by 1992.

Fifteen million desktop computers are now connected and the report predicts it will more than double to nearly 40 million by 1991. By then the communications market in Europe will be worth £50 million and be Europe's largest single industry, it adds.

One move towards that came with an announcement just before last week's exhibition that the International Telecommunications Union (ITU), which regulates communications worldwide, will link mobile phones with satellites.

Until now car phones have been linked with land stations and have been limited mainly to urban areas. The ITU authorises the use of satellites but leaves it to private companies or governments to launch them and that, like many other future communications products, will depend mainly on when it becomes profitable.



Still a long wait for videophones

Europe now leads in chips to order

A revolution in chip-making

SEMICONDUCTOR

By Robert Matthews

The recent opening of the European Silicon Structures (ES2) custom-made microchip plant in France marks the latest stage in what is set to become a revolution in the semiconductor market.ES2 has put Europe in the forefront of this field, filling a gap that neither the US or Japanese has seriously looked at.

Both those countries have concentrated on a pile-it-high, sell-it-cheap approach to chip-making, using photographic-mask technology developed in the early 1970s that demands vast volumes to become cost-effective. But, surprisingly, the high-volume users of such chips, such as consumer goods manufacturers, constitute only a small part of the total chip market.

Jean-Luc Grand-Clement: "Shopped the world for chips"

Said ES2's chief executive, officer, Jean-Luc Grand-Clement:"We found that 80 per cent of business in semiconductors is for applications that need fewer than 5,000 units."

A former vice-president of the US semiconductor manufacturer Motorola, Mr Grand-Clement saw a gap in the market which the big manufacturers could not afford to fill because of the special equipment and dedicated production line that were necessary.

He found a ready partner in Robb Wilmot, who was chairman of ICL at the time. "I had shopped the world to buy chips in lots of under 2,000 for ICL," he said, "and I got tired of having the door shut in my face."

But to fill the gap, ES2 has had to solve the key difficulty of getting ebough throughput of custom-built chips in small (even one-off) volumes to make a manufacturing plant economically viable.Part of the answer is electron beam direct write machines which can lay out chip structures without the need for the expensive masks and has been around for years.

However, the productivity of such "E-beam" machines, usually found only the in of laboratories such companies IBM, as until has been recently low. too ES2 The at plant en-Aix-has Provence first Europe's of version new a of breed machines, these of capable lines laying fine as half as micron a to up times 15 than faster E-current machines.beam

ES2 has developed a number of expert systems which, it claims, allow even the inexperienced to make chips whose complexity would normally demand hand-crafted *silicon techniques.*So those needing, say, just one very complex chip for a prototype product can be trained up to take advantage of the E-beam technology.

The company thinks it will be able to offer chip-making on a timescale of just a few weeks, rather than many months, before too long.

The £18 million Aix plant will start full-scale production in January, and over 100 chip designs have already been ordered by companies wanting to exploit the new technology.

The ES2 formula for success was convincing enough to attract almost instant venture capital backing, and eight European shareholding companies. *The UK shareholder* among the eight is British Aerospace, which put in about £3 million.

The market targetted by ES2 is expected to show ten-fold growth to £640 million in the seven years to 1991. Mr Wilmot estimates the current European market for Application Specific Integrated Circuits (or ASICs), at about 2,000 designs a year. Of these, about 40 per cent are fully customised in design and production while the rest are produced in series and only finished individually, he said adding that ES2 is aiming for almost 20 per cent of the market by 1992.

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A terminal answer to French tele-shopping problems

By Richard Sarson

One could perhaps be forgiven for finding the French a little smug last week at their national stand in Geneva's Telecom 87 exhibition. They were, after all, celebrating the installation of the three millionth Minitel in France, the small terminal which any telephone subscriber there can opt for free of charge instead of a telephone directory.

As well as making directory inquiries, customers can dial up Teletel, the French equivalent of *British* Telecom's Prestel. Though viewdata was invented in the UK it has been particularly galling for British Telecom to see the French knock up success after success with Teletel while Prestel still has only 72,000 subscribers, *despite having started several* years earlier.

The reason given for distributing the Minitel terminals in France free was that it would save money on amending, printing and distributing telephone directories. In fact this was only an excuse. In reality the whole Minitel exercise was an expensive gamble, to make France a nation of tele-shoppers.

The PTT, looking at the slow take-up of Prestel in Britain, *realized that* information providers would not want to set up a service unless they could be assured of a critical mass of subscribers.

Conversely, the subscribers did not want to link in, unless there were a lot of services. It was a vicious circle. So the PTT broke the circle by deciding, in 1981 to give away the terminals.

By 1985, a million had been *issued progressively into one* area of the country after another. Now, the whole country has almost been covered, and an eighth of all subscribers have opted for the Minitel.

Frederic Rebichou, in the *PTT's office in Pall Mall, will* not forecast the final number in the future, "perhaps five million, perhaps 10 million, who knows?" but the gamble has already more than paid off.

New industries around Minitel

Information providers now give nearly 6000 services, and 200 more are launched every month. Whole new industries have sprung up around the Minitel with hundreds of extras available to plug in, from printers and memories to up-market intelligent colour versions.

There is even a Prestel and Telecom Gold-compatible model with keytops in English, approved by British Telecom for sale in this country by *Roneo-Alcatel at £325.* The standard Minitel distributed in France probably costs no more than £100 to build.

French software houses and service bureaux have also been given a boost by the Minitel explosion.

For instance, Cap-Sogeti which designed the software for the network on which the Teletel service runs, has gained more large-scale viewdata expertise than the British software houses which developed the technology in the '70s. then there are the smaller firms which write the hundreds of mail-order, home-banking, messaging, games and computer-dating services, as well as notorious electronic chats with girls claiming names like Mimi.

There are three Teletel services, accessible on three telephone numbers, with the most widely used being Teletel 3, at a cost of 10p per minute. The PTT shells out five eighths of this back to the services — in a similar fashion to British Telecom's telephone services, using the 0898 prefix, which can cost a hefty 38p per minute in office hours and gives half back to those runnning the service.

In France this method of payment netted the providers of the information £80 million francs in 1986 from the French PTT. Although more *expensive, Teletel 3 is much* more convenient, requiring no password and as a result accounts for over two thirds of the 30 million hours during which Teletel users were connected to the system in the first seven months of this year. There may well be a lesson in this for British information carriers and providers, where services can be both expensive and often complex, involving several different charges — some include subscription, time charge and frame charge.

Originally it was expected that most of the calls would have been for directory enquiries, but they now account for only 17 per cent. Serious business and professional uses: marketing, banking,

42 per cent of calls for serious trade

insurance, mail-order, scientific, medical, and municipal,account for 42 per cent while general information — the original aim of viewdata in Britain — is running at only 8 per cent.

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Project management sheds hard-hat image

JOBSCENE

By Pat Sweet

Caroline Bagley: "Good project managers are getting hard to find"

Project management is often a skill more traditionally associated with the hard hats and wellington boots of the construction industry than the terminals and computers of software developers.

But the change in the types of computer systems now being developed has intensified the demand for people capable of controlling large, complex projects against tight deadlines.

Such people are not easy to find, and a Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) report on the computing services industry published earlier this year identified a critical shortage of project managers able to manage medium to large scale projects of a value exceeding £500,000.

In addition to becoming intertwined with business performance, computer projects are also getting bigger, with some of the most ambitious developments to be found in the public sector.

The Inland Revenue's move to computerize the administration of PAYE, for example, involves putting some 27 million taxpayer records and 1 million employer records on a system which will include 44 mainframe computers and 1800 VDUs.

The scale of such undertakings calls for very careful planning, while some companies have unhappy memories of the days when software development was seen as a "black art" with project delays and overspending.

Computerized planning tools are only really valuable if they are being used by experienced project managers who have some idea of the size of the problem they are addressing. Caroline Bagley, recruitment manager with Computer People, the recruitment consultancy, reports that demand for such skills is tremendous.

"Good project managers are hard to find, especially people able to manage more than one project at any one time," she said. Such people are being chased by the big software houses, City institutions and, increasingly, companies in the retail sector, which is currently investing heavily in new technology.

She is currently searching, for example, for a project manager on behalf of City financial concern.

As well as technical knowledge, candidates need to demonstrate good interpersonal skills, in order to liaise with senior management, plus the ability to motivate the development team.

In reward, the starting salary for project managers is around £23,000, although from meeting the people involved, Ms Bagley believes there are certainly project managers in the City earning upwards of £60,000.

Until recently few computing professionals saw project management as a mainstream career opportunity. Most expected the next step after project leader to be that of data processing manager, perhaps in a smaller company.

"As projects are getting bigger and more important to the business, people now don't feel they've failed if they're in project management when computer management was their goal. In fact they often assume far more responsibility if they are in the right set up" Ms Bagley said.

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A new post has been created to manage and co-ordinate the Belmont Hill Project which enables young people to move towards independence, through its Hostel and Community Bed Sits supported by an Outreach Team. The Fellowship has ambitious plans through its Housing Association to develop a move-on facility to augment local authority housing provision in the near future.

The Project requires an imaginative and creative person with a recognised social work qualification and management experience to be responsible for the Project and to develop initiatives which provide support and assistance to young people preparing to leave the care system.

St Christopher's Fellowship has adopted an Equal Opportunities Policy.

For informal discussion about the post, please telephone Mr John Skinner, Principal Care Manager. Tel 01-370 1083/2522.

Application form and Job Description obtainable from The Director, St Christopher's Fellowship, 53 Warwick Road, London SW5 9HD.

Closing date for Applications: Friday, November 6, 1987.

DURHAM FAMILY PRACTITIONER COMMITTEE

(National Health Service)

Administrator-family practitioner services.
Salary 16,354-£20,652 (currently under review).

Applications are invited for the above position which will become vacant on 4th April 1988. The Family Practioner Committee covers the administrative area of Durham county and is accountable to the Secretary of State for the provision and development of family doctor, dental, pharmaceutical opthalmic services. The administrator is respnsible for managing the financial and administrative functions involving 44 million annual expenditure on family practitioner services.

The committee is seeking a person of appropriate experience, commitment and motivation to undertake this role and application forms and job description are available from **The Administrator, Durham Family Practitioner Committee, Green Lane, Old Elvett, Durham DH1 3JX (Tel: 091 386 2326)** to whom they should be returned by Monday 23rd November 1987.

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Duties will include advice on the health needs of the population, elucidation of goals and priorities, devising of preventive programmes, management of health education and health promotion, aspects of environmental health and control communicable disease in hospitals and in the community.

Enquiries may be made of ERNIE WALKER, District General Manager and PERCY REGESTER, Chief Medical Adviser/Assistant District General Manager on Barstaple (0271) 75851 extension 2131.

Application form, job description and district Profile are available from the Manpower Resources Department, North Devon Health Authority, Riverside, Litchdon Street, Barnstable, North Devon EX32 8ND. Tel: Barnstaple (0271 75851) extension 2140.

Closing date: 13 November 1987.

ROYAL SOCIETY OF MEDICINE

Applications are invited for the post of Medical Services Secretary, a senior appointment with responsibility to the Executive Director for planning all medical meetings of the Society at home or abroad. The successful applicant will be *medically qualified and should be able to* demonstrate experience of organising meetings within the medical academic environment.

An ability to communicate effectively at senior levels with colleagues in university departments, hospitals, research institutes and in industries allied to medicine is essential. The Society expects to appoint someone between the ages of 45 and 55 and the salary will be negotiable.

***Applications should be received before 19 November.* They should be accompanied by a CV and be sent to the Executive Director's Office, 1 Wimpole Street, London W1M 8AE.**

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A Christian Caring Charity

In partnership with the London Borough of Bromley, the Society is developing:

A PILOT INTENSIVE EDUCATION PROJECT

For severely handicapped children aged two to seven years. A training programme is planned for two experienced staff commencing Autumn 1987 for two years. The project opens 1989.

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Details: Personnel Officer, The Shaftesbury Society, 2a Amity Grove, London SW20 0LH. Tel: 01-946 6635.
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(SECTION II)

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We offer the right candidate strong professional support and there is peer group support from the Black Community Support Unit. There are regular meetings with the Management Team to examine and influence policy and practice. This Division is committed to equal opportunity and is working to defeat racism.

If you hold a CQSW we would like to talk to *you – ring* Tony Jones, *Deputy Divisional* Director, or Margaret Mackechnie, Assistant Divisional Director, on Reading 586111.

Application forms from Personnel Section, Social Services Department, Abbey Mill House, Abbey Square, Reading.
Tel: Reading 586111 Ext. 500.

Closing date 12th November.

Royal County of BERKSHIRE
AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

RHONDDA BOROUGH COUNCIL

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

POST: District Environmental Health Officer
Post E.6. SALARY GRADE: S02 - £12,156 - £12,882 plus essential car and telephone allowances.

Applications are invited from persons who possess a Degree in Environmental Health or the Diploma of the Environmental Health Officer's Education Board.

The Rhondda Valley provides an increasingly ruralised and attractive environment in which to live and work, within easy reach of Cardiff City Centre, the Gower Peninsula and the Brecon Beacons National park.
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The Council has a generous relocation scheme offering assistance towards removal expenses for this post.

POST: Meat Inspector/Technical Assistant
Post E.29. SALARY GRADE: Scale 5 - £8,790-£9,654 plus casual car allowance

Applications are invited for the above post from persons holding R.S.H. certificate in Meat Inspection.

The successful applicant will be required to carry out in addition to meat inspection duties, food hygiene inspection and sampling, etc.

The appointments are subject to the National Scheme of Conditions of Service.

CANVASSING WILL DISQUALIFY

Application forms are available from the Personnel Officer, Municipal Offices, PENTRE, Rhondda, Mid Glamorgan. CF41 7BT. (Tel: Tonypandy 434551, Ext. 257), to whom completed forms must be returned by NOON, on WEDNESDAY, 18th November, 1987.

EAST BERKSHIRE HEALTH AUTHORITY

MENTAL HANDICAP SERVICES UNIT:

SERVICE DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

REQUIRED: To establish and manage Services for people with mental handicap who exhibit challenging behaviours.

The Service, which is designed to meet the needs of those individuals whose behaviour is such as to limit or prohibit their use of ordinary facilities, will play a key role in the implementation of the joint East Berkshire Mental Handicap Strategy. It is being developed as part of that strategy by the Health Authority in association with Berkshire Social Services and Education Departments and local voluntary and parents groups.

The Service will be based in Bracknell and provide a residential component of 8 places as well as offering support to people living in their own homes or in other residential accommodation. It will be managed on an inter-disciplinary basis.

The Service Development Officer will work with an existing task group in identifying the detailed operational policies for the service and will be responsible for its management when it opens next year. He or she will be responsible for a staff group of about 25 *and a budget of about* £240,000.

The Service Development Officer may come from any background but will be expected to have relevant qualifications and experience. The grading of the post will reflect the seniority and importance of the post but will depend on professional background. Examples of the level offered will be Principal Psychologist, Principal Officer Social Worker or Senior Nuse 6.

Further details and package are available from The Personnel Department, Church Hill House Hospital, Bracknell, Berks: Tel (0344) 422722.

If you wish to discuss the post please speak to Nigel Crisp, Unit General Manager, on the above number.

Closing Date 30.11.87.

PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS

MUSEUMS & GALLERIES COMMISSION

OFFICE MANAGER

£9,265 - £11,565
including Inner London Weighting

The MGC has a central role in providing advice and assistance to museums and galleries throughout the UK. Several new functions have been taken on in recent years and administrative systems have now been developed in line with this expansion.

An experienced office/personnel manager is required to be responsible for the day to day management of the office, reporting to the Assistant Secretary for personnel, financial systems, office buying and accommodation services.

An interest in or sympathy towards the work of the MGC would be highly desirable. Applicants should have at least 2 'A' level passes and the preferred age range is 25 - 55. Typing is not essential but would be an advantage. Computer training will be given.

For application form and further details please contact:-

Mr Jeremy Warren
Museums & Galleries Commission
7 St. James's Square
LONDON SW1Y 4JU
(Tel: 01-839 9341)
Closing date:- Friday 6 November 1987

RHM

OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH NURSING ADVISER

We require a Nursing Adviser in South Wales, preferably living in the Cardiff/Newport area.

The successful applicant will be part of a well established Occupational Health Team which operates a visiting service throughout our companies in the UK.

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Please write or telephone for an application form and job description to:

Mrs M. Dezart, Principal Nursing Adviser, Ranks Hovis McDougall PLC, RHM Centre, PO Box 178, Alma Road, Windsor, Berkshire SL4 3ST. Tel: (0753) 857123 ext 6606.

Closing date for applications is: November 16, 1987.

NORTHAMTONSHIRE
SCHOOL OF NURSING
An Equal Opportunities Employer
St Crispin Hospital

STUDENT NURSE TRAINING FOR REGISTERED MENTAL NURSING

A CAREER IN PSYCHIATRIC NURSING

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Ring David Garrity (Senior Tutor), Northampton 52323 *extension 345 for details,* or write to Central Nurse Recruitment Office, C/O School of Nursing, General Hospital, Billing Road,

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Conditions of employment will include:

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- encouragement to pursue further studies and postgraduate programmes.

Written applications with curriculum vitae and the names and addresses of three referees should be sent to the Manager – Personnel, HCF DENTAL CENTRE.

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Please quote ref: G(A)928.

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DIRECTOR - MEMBERSHIP SERVICES

We are seeking a first rate administrator, with good management skills, to lead the Membership Department, based in our Headquarters at RUGBY.

The successful candidate must be able to communicate effectively with the Institution's membership and to direct the work of the Membership Department. This will include the provision of services to the Membership Committee and the maintenance of the Register of Members. The Director will also be expected to develop and expand the Institution's membership base.

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Applications, in the form of a full curriculum vitae should be sent to Mr. D.B. Firth, Deputy Secretary, The Institution of Chemical Engineers, 165-171 Railway Terrace, Rugby CV21 3HQ.

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If you wish to discuss any of the posts please telephone Karen Etheridge, Head of Computer Services, on Epsom 26252 Ext 2054.

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Application Forms from the County Secretary and Solicitor, County Hall, Trowbridge BA14 8JN. Tel. 02214 3641 ext. 3007.

Closing date for applications: 15th November, 1987.

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For further information and an application form please call John Polychronakis on Dudley 55433, ext. 5315, or write to him at the Legal Services Department, St. James's Road, Dudley, West Midlands, return by 11th November.

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PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS

CUMBRIA POLICE AUTHORITY
CHIEF CONSTABLE

Cumbria Police Authority invites applications from suitably qualified Police Officers for the post of Chief Constable which becomes vacant on 1st December 1987.

Cumbria has an area of 1,682,780 acres and a population of approximately 487,000. The authorised establishment is 1,144 Police Officers and 408 civilians.

Current salary is £39,408 and appropriate allowances are paid in respect of rent, car, subsistence and uniform.

The appointment will be subject to the approval of the Secretary of State, to the provisions of the Police Act 1964 and Police Regulations and to the candidate undergoing a satisfactory medical examination.

Application forms are obtainable from the County Secretary and Solicitor, The Courts, Carlisle, Cumbria CA3 8LZ (Telephone: 0228 23456 ext 2212) and should be returned by 6th November, 1987.

ARCHITECTS' DEPARTMENT

The Architects' Department is multi-disciplinary and consists of 60 staff providing a complete service to meet the needs of the Council.

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Full corporate membership of C.I.B.S.E. essential, with at least 3 years experience in a similar field.

Requests for application forms and job details in writing only please, quoting 'D' numbers, to Development & Town Planning Division, Greenhale House, Piccadilly, Stockport SK1 3XE.
Closing date: 20.11.87.

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BARNET MAGISTRATES' COURTS COMMITTEE

Applications are invited for the following posts from persons qualified in accordance with the Justices' Clerks (Qualification of Assistants) Rules 1979.

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This vacancy has occurred due to the promotion of the present post holder.

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Salary up to £14,655 inclusive
(Pay award pending)

The successful applicant must be capable of taking all courts without supervision. The Committee will however, also consider applications from suitably qualified persons who are not able to take all courts at this stage but who can demonstrate an ability to do so in the near future.

Salary will depend on qualifications and experience and will be based on a 5-point scale.

The Barnet Petty Sessions Area with the South Mimms Petty Sessional Division has a population of approximately 357,000, which makes this Area the largest in Outer London. There are two Court Houses, one at Barnet and one at Hendon. A Unisys Computer is installed and the Administration is in the process of centralisation. Barnet is a very busy Area and there will be opportunities to gain experience in all areas of the work of a Court's Administration and Management.

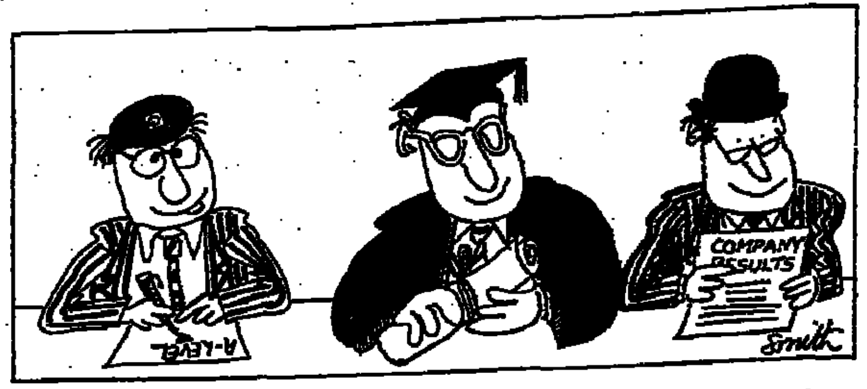
The Conditions of JNC apply to this post which is superannuable and subject to medical fitness. Removal and disturbance expenses are payable in approved cases. *Application forms and further particulars can be obtained* from me at 7c High Street, Barnet, Herts., EN5 5UE (Tel: 01-441-9042 Ext 133/134).

Closing date: 9th November 1987

C.L. Pratt
Clerk to the Committee

(HORIZONS) A guide to career opportunities

Assessing the City's benefits



If among your A-level results there is a good grade in maths, you could use it as your first step towards a highly lucrative and absorbing career, by training for the actuarial profession — one of the best paid in the country — or making it the basis of an equally rewarding City career. This applies whether or not you take a degree, but the prospects and choices are better if you graduate first.

The two careers have several similarities: both are well paid; each needs a high standard of numeracy, of which A-level maths is reliable indicator and, as both are looking for talented entrants, recruitment for the one impinges to some extent upon the other. The City's popularity may, however, have taken something of a knock recently.

"Big Bang has affected our recruitment because people know they can get good, well-paid jobs in the City, straight from university," says John Waugh, deputy secretary of the Institute of Actuaries (IA). "But this may mean they are 'burnt out' by the time they are 30. We advise them to look beyond being 30."

A year before Big Bang, the IA and the Faculty of Actuaries in Scotland introduced an intensive, one year, full-time postgraduate diploma course at the City University, London, and Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh, to prepare students for the earlier qualifying exams, so that good trainees should not be put off by lack of formal training and in *order to reduce the qualifying time.*

Applicants should have a good honours degree in a course with adequate mathematical content. They are usually sponsored by an actuarial firm, which pays their fees and a maintenance allowance in return for at least two years' service after the course.

Although most applicants do have maths, statistics or actuarial science as their degree subject, these are not the only choices. The former chief executive of a large insurance company graduated in divinity. A partner in an acturial consultancy took music. The chief general manager of a major insurance company chose modern languages. Economics is another possibility, while some entrants have no degree.

What is important is A-level maths at a good grade, to enable you to cope with the exams of the IA or the faculty. Similarly, good openings in the City are not limited to maths, statistics or science graduates, although these are needed. However, economists, linguists, people with degrees in arts, politics or computer studies are also welcome, but should preferably have A-level maths.

For non-graduates, too, this is a good, basic entry requirement. In some City firms it can lead to an assistant's job in any of the major departments — corporate finance, bonds, equities, asset management, research — while in others A-level entrants start in settlement. In either case, with aptitude they can progress and, generally, move around.

Graduates also train on the job, for up to two years but at a higher level, and are encouraged to take early responsibility. *Personal qualities are important,* whether you have a degree or not.

"We don't take only high flyers, we look for ability," says Isabel Doverty, recruitment and development manager at Phillips and Drew. "We need self-possessed, well-rounded people with an interest in the City. Some will be school-leavers and here maths A-level is the favourite.

> If you are strong on maths, perhaps you might calculate the benefits of a career in the City — or insuring its plans, says Sally Watts

"We are increasingly interested in intelligent, A-level people," says Mr Paul Thompson, assistant director in International Equities at Barclays de Zoete Wedd. "There are golden opportunities in settlement: many offices have a backlog and are introducing computerized systems."

Nearly half of BZW's latest graduate intake were women. "Our new entrants will be dealing with clients eight hours a day so they must be good conversationalists with wide interests, enthusiastic and able to generate confidence and get on with people."

The qualities of an actuary are rather different. Many are helping to run multi-million pound businesses. Some are in the Government Actuary's department, advising on retirement and sickness benefits or public service pensions schemes. About 100 work on the Stock Exchange, giving investment advice or specializing in investment analysis and research. Some are university lecturers while others work abroad.

In this country an actuary can earn somewhere near £30,000 within about *five years of completing* his training, and a top salary can be £60,000 or higher.

It is then possible to prepare for the remaining, less mathematical exams — insurance, pensions, life assurance and investment — in two to three years in tandem with a job, using the IA or faculty's correspondence courses, supplemented in England by tutorials. In Scotland, the faculty arranges discussion classes in Glasgow and Edinburgh, where most of their students are based.

But the majority work through all the exams as employees, using correspondence and day release, though Heriot-Watt runs regular classes for new graduates in Edinburgh life offices, again on a day release basis.

School students should note that courses which include actuarial science, leading to exemptions from some of the qualifying exams, are offered by the City University, London School of Economics, Heriot-Watt and the University of Kent. Exeter and Southampton have courses with elementary actuarial studies. Pure statistics are at Birmingham, London and Sheffield, while Bristol and Exeter students can specialize in statistics in several maths courses. Brunel, Warwick and Birmingham have relevant combined studies.

Tempting as it sounds to shorten your study time via the diploma course, some young actuaries consider the longer route is better because they can relate their job to their studies, and vice versa.

"I would prefer to be in a company and get experience," says 26-year-old David Hindley who, ironically, took a salary cut when he started actuarial training after two years as a medical statistician. He is part of a team with Mercantile and General Reinsurance Company, providing a service to underwriters by producing computer programmes which are compatible for the user.

Two years after qualifying, Jane Curtis, a Fellow of the Institute of Actuaries, is advising client firms on the new pensions legislation for her City employers, Bacon and Woodrow, where she began as an 18-year-old, learning and doing routine calculations between school and university.

The IA confirms that in 1986 23 per cent of students were female, contrasting with only 2 per cent in the 1950s.

- **Faculty of Actuaries, 23 St Andrew Square, Edinburgh EH2 1AQ.**
- **Institute of Actuaries, Staple Inn Hall, High Holborn, London WC1V 7QJ.**

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Process Engineering & Technology Department
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Law Report October 27 1987

Test tube baby treatment claim fails

Regina v Ethical Committee of St Mary's Hospital, Ex parte *Harriot*

Before Mr Justice Schiemann

[Judgment October 26]

Doctors who decided that a woman should be refused in vitro fertilization (IVF) treatment because of the refusal of the social services department to consider her for adoption, and of her history of prostitution and associated criminal record had not, on the evidence, acted unfairly. Further, there had been no obligation on the infertility services and ethical committee of the hospital to advise on whether or not the woman should be given IVF treatment.

Mr Justice Schiemann so held in the Queen's Bench Division in refusing applications by Janet Harriott for judicial review of decisions of Dr Pamela Buck and Dr B. A. Lieberman of St Mary's Hospital, Manchester and for judicial review of the advice and guidance of the Ethical Committee of St Mary's Hospital.

Mr Louis Blom-Cooper, QC and Mr Edward Fitzgerald for the applicant; Mr Rodger Bell, QC and Mr Bruce Caulfield for the health authority.

MR JUSTICE SCHIEMANN said that it had not been suggested that the general policy pursued by the regional IVF unit that couples accepted on to the waiting list must, in the ordinary course of events, satisfy the general criteria established by adoption societies in assessing suitability for adoption.

The ethical committee had been set up in the spirit of the *Report of the Committee of the Inquiry into Human Fertilization and Embryology* (Cmnd 9314) (the Warnock Report).

There had been no statutory duty to set up the committee and there was no statutory duty imposed on the committee either to decide or advise. It was essentially an informal body with the function of providing a forum for discussion among professionals.

His Lordship was doubtful about accepting that judicial review did not lie to review any advice of the committee, but this case did not involve such a situation. Here the complaint was that the committee advised that the consultant must make up her own mind as to whether the treatment should be given. That was wholly unobjectionable.

It followed that there could be no objection that the committee did not afford the applicant an opportunity of putting evidence and submissions before it. If the committee was entitled not to give advice the court should be slow, if indeed it had the power, to force such a committee to receive representations before it decided not to give advice.

The complaint against the consultant was that she had been under a duty to act fairly when deciding to remove a patient from the IVF list on social grounds, either exclusively or mainly, and those social grounds involved issues of contested fact.

For the purposes of this judgment his Lordship was prepared to accept that that submission was correct in law. But even on that assumption there were no grounds for granting relief.

There were indeed grounds for criticism of Dr Buck's decisions. However, it had to be remembered that decisions by doctors as to whether to give or refuse treatment were not ones which, once made, rendered the doctor powerless to change her view in the light of new arguments or facts.

The applicant, since the decision, had had the opportunity to put more information in front of the doctors and health authority. There was no reason to suppose that they had acted unfairly in the matter or had shut their ears to her representations in the sense of being unwilling to entertain them. It was not and could not be suggested that no reasonable consultant could have come to the conclusion to refuse treatment to the applicant.

In those circumstances there was no reason to grant the applicant the relief she sought. In consequence his Lordship did not need to decide whether in principle judicial review would lie in respect of such a decision.

Solicitors: Hepworth & Halpern, Manchester; Mr E. G. Jones, Manchester.

Law Society exams

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RUGBY UNION

Wasps must travel north to face in-form Aspatria

By David Hands
Rugby Correspondent

John Burgess, president of the Rugby Football Union, produced a fascinating third-round draw of the John Player Special Cup at Twickenham yesterday when England's leading clubs entered the lists. Nor did he do those clubs any favours because the potential for shock results remains high.

Not one of the first-class clubs, I dare say, fancied the journey north to meet either Aspatria or Tynedale. In the event Aspatria were given a home draw, against Wasps, last season's finalists, while Tynedale, home victors against London Scottish last Saturday, must travel to Coventry whose form this season has not encouraged confidence.

Aspatria have gained the reward for two successful forays into the Midlands, where they have scored 96 points in two cup matches. The draw brought delight to Bob Hanvey, their president and a member of England's pack in 1926. Now a sprightly 88, he will look forward to welcoming Wasps to one of the best *equipped grounds in the north* on a day when Wasps, because of divisional and international calls, are unlikely to have put together their best team more than twice in seven weeks.

There are two *ties* between first-division clubs: Gloucester v Orrell and Waterloo's game with Nottingham, whom they beat at Blundellsands just nine days ago. The only comfort for Nottingham, who are watching the rest of the first division gradually creep up to them in the league, is that they know exactly what they will have to overcome in the cup.

Bath, the holders for the last four years, were drawn away but should not have too many problems at Lichfield, even though the Midland club have an excellent cup record, reaching the third round or beyond five times in the last six seasons. Lichfield , in area league north, have tended to follow the general trend of losing away from home but by the time January 23 comes round, Bath should have shrugged off their early-season injuries.

Ruislip, whose first season in the cup this is, have drawn Gosforth, winners of the competition in 1976 and 1977. It is a game their chairman, David Warren, believes they can win, even if their route to the third round has been one of those obscure London division rambles: they are there by virtue of being beaten semi-finalists in the Middlesex Cup last season - all the other semi-finalists *were* senior clubs and arrived at the third round by the more normal channels.

Nevertheless Ruislip have had an excellent season in London League One, losing only once, to Ipswich. Although they were only formed in 1953 they have developed a strong playing structure, from a 250-strong mini-rugby section upwards to six senior sides. Geoff Sykes, their fixture secretary, has fought hard and successfully for better opposition and perhaps their most influential playing figure has been Richard Barnes, their scrum half, who played for Old Wesley's first XV when business took him to Dublin.

There will be a touch of nostalgia at Saracens, who play host to Blackheath, because the visiting coach will be Alex Keay, who spent four seasons as captain of Saracens. Current league positions in the second division suggest a win for Saracens, since Blackheath have *only* Northampton below them - and I doubt if Northampton will relish their cup journey to Plymouth Albion.

The leaders of the second division, *Rosslyn Park*, play perennial cup favourites, Leicester - just as they did at this stage last season in a much-postponed encounter. This used to be the regular date for the two clubs to meet, before the cup caused a hiatus.

Third round draw

Aspatria v Wasps
Bedford v *Bristol*
Coventry v Tynedale
Gloucester v Orrell
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Lichfield v Bath
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Ruislip v Gosforth
Saracens v Blackheath
Wakefield v Moseley
Waterloo v Nottingham

Matches to be played on January 23.

Fitzgerald wins vote over Smith

By George Ace

The Irish selectors, seven good men and true, but with only five actually holding voting power, can invariably be relied upon to create controversy with one or more of their selections when the outcome of their deliberations becomes public. Yesterday was no exception, when the names of 27 forwards for a *training session at Lansdowne* Road next Sunday, were revealed.

Ciaran Fitzgerald, the former captain, who was not available *for World Cup* selection and has been unable to assist Connacht *so far this season, is one of three* hookers chosen, the other two being easily predictable: Kingston and McDonald. That Fitzgerald, who is on the wrong side of 35 years of age, is preferred to Steve Smith, several years his junior, who has been in outstanding form this season for Ballymena, defies logic.

The concern over finding a replacement for Phil Orr is evident with no less than six loose head props named. *Among the front runners are the* Ulster pair, Brian McKibbin and Peter Millar. Charlie Quinn, of Lansdowne, who has been discarded by Leinster for the match against Llanelli at Lansdowne Road on Saturday week, is included.

Tony Ward and Paul Dean continue their musical chairs with Dean claiming the No. 10 shirt and Ward switching to the centre for the Llanelli game. *Dropped is scrum-half* and captain Tony Doyle, who gives way to the very promising young Blackrock player, Alain Rolland. Declan Fanning, who takes over the captaincy, switches to the flank

FORWARDS PANEL: Loose Head Props: B McKibbon (Instonians), P Millar (Ballymena), N Popplewell (Greystones), J Fitzgerald (Young Munster), J Langbroek (Blackrock), T Clancy (Lansdowne). Hookers: T Kingston (Dolphin), J McDonald (Malone), C Fitzgerald (St Mary's). Tight Heads: D Fitzgerald (Lansdowne), J McCoy (Bangor), P Clohessy (Young Munster). Locks: D Lenihan (Constitution), W Anderson (Dungannon), M Tarpey (St Mary's), M Moylett (Shannon), F Kearney (Sundays Well), C Morrison (Malone). Wing Forwards: P Matthews (Wanderers), W Duncan (Malone), C Quinn (Lansdowne), R Kearney (Wanderers), W Sexton (Garryowen), P Collins (Lansdowne). No 8s: B Spillane (London Irish), M Gibson (London Irish), D Fanning (St Mary's). Scrum Halves: M Bradley (Constitution), F Ahearne (Dolphin), R Brady (Ballymena).

Dodge kept out by broken kneecap

By David Hands

Paul Dodge, England's most experienced centre even though the national selectors have not *turned to him since 1985*, will be out of the game until the new year. Dodge, aged 30, discovered yesterday that he had broken a kneecap playing for Leicester against Swansea last Saturday.

"I made a tackle during the game and felt a bang, but I got through the rest of the match without problems," he said. However the limb stiffened over the weekend and X-rays yesterday showed the break. He will be in plaster for four to six weeks and will therefore miss the chance to play for the Midlands in the Toshiba divisional championship in December.

He is also captain of Leicester this season, a role which is likely *to pass back to* Les Cusworth, captain between 1985-7. Dodge broke his leg in 1983, but this latest accident should not have such long-lasting effects.

Dean Richards, the Leicester and England No. 8, was also due to have X-rays yesterday on his shoulder, which was damaged playing for the Barbarians against Bristol last Wednesday. Richards took another knock against Swansea and left the field; *since he has also been* suffering from influenza recently, his form has been less than 100 per cent and clearly there is a query over his fitness to play for the Japanese President's XV against New Zealand in Tokyo next month.

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At last: Hendry hoists Rothmans trophy, his first major win

SNOOKER

Hendry plays safe as he chases that world title dream

By Steve Acteson

Stephen Hendry, the talented young Scot from Edinburgh, has achieved a remarkable double over the world champion, Steve Davis.

Hendry's £60,000 weekend victory over Dennis Taylor in the final of the Rothmans Grand Prix pushed him to the top of the earnings league with £120,000 – £30,000 more than Davis. But more importantly it has made him the season's leading player with nine ranking points to Davis's eight.

After a string of defeats by Davis and a 9-1 battering by Cliff Thorburn earlier this month, the Scot has suddenly added the vital extra ingredient *of* a responsible safety game to his previously all-potting repertoire. And the result is to turn an excellent player into something approaching a great one.

Hendry's victory makes him at 18 years old the youngest winner of a major title, and, following engagements in London last night and in Glasgow tonight, he will be rewarded with another big prize – three whole days off.

"He's a busy lad," his manager, Ian Doyle, said. "Even before this he was booked solidly until the end of next May, and I have already had at least 70 firm enquiries for bookings up until 1989."

Hendry was ranked 108th two seasons ago, and 23rd at the start of this season. But wins over Davis in the fifth round of the Grand Prix, Tony Knowles in the quarter-finals, John Parrott from 4-0 in the semi-finals, and from 4-1 behind to beat Taylor have underlined his ambition to become the youngest world champion.

He still has four *seasons* to take that mantle from Alex Higgins, but says: "I want to do it with a year to spare and not just a few months."

Doyle believes that Hendry's win signals a new era for snooker. "Young men like Stephen and Martin Clark are the future of the game and they are certainly good news for television which desperately wants new faces on the screens."

Taylor, the Grand Prix winner in 1984 and contesting his third Rothmans final in four years, said: "Stephen is good for the game. He has come along at exactly the right time, and he's also marvellous for all the folk up in Scotland.

"Stephen has the right image and he will encourage a lot of young players up *there*. To be fair, they haven't had a top-class player in years, but during the next five or six years I think we will see the Scottish contingent begin to come through."

Tomorrow, Taylor, one of Barry Hearn's Matchroom team, has a chance to put his disappointment behind him when he tackles Davis in the first round of the Canadian Masters in Toronto, the third leg of Hearn's exclusive World Series.

The world's eight leading players are competing for a £25,000 first prize and points *for the league table. And they* will all be delighted that, on this occasion, Hendry will not be there to further trample on their reputations.

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

Team owners receive public backing

New York (Reuter) – The National Football League (NFL) resumed with regular teams on Sunday for the first time since the end of the 24-day players' strike. The protest collapsed on October 15, but striking players were turned away from last weekend's games by team owners, for not returning before a scheduled deadline.

With the issues of the strike now transferred to the courts, focus has shifted to the effect of the replacement games on the play-off standings. And there are suggestions that additional wild-card berths will be added to the play-offs to benefit teams which lost out during the three weekends of games between makeshift teams.

Ten teams are ordinarily included in the Super Bowl play-offs. During the "replacement" games, 14 teams lost ground, eight stayed even and six wound up with better records toward the Super Bowl championship.

Perhaps hardest hit were the defending champions, New York Giants, who won their first game of the season on Sunday against St Louis Cardinals, 30-7. The Giants, who are now 1-5, lost all three of their games during the strike, after having lost the first two with their regular team.

Other teams who lost all three of their "replacement" games were the Minnesota Vikings, who were 2-0 before the strike, the Philadelphia Eagles and the Kansas City Chiefs.

Given a boost by the absence of their regular players during the strike were the Washington Redskins, who won all three replacement games. Washington prolonged their winning streak on Sunday by defeating the New York Jets, 17-16, but regular Redskins players were greeted by fans with chants to bring back the substitutes.

Meanwhile, a *New York Times*-CBS News poll published in the newspaper on Sunday showed that the American public favoured team owners.

The newspaper reported that 46 per cent of the 1,326 people interviewed by telephone between October 18 and 22 said they thought the owners were more in the right during the strike.

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RACING

Moscow Society to make a favourable impression

By Mandarin
(Michael Phillips)

Twelve months ago, the betting on the Whatton Manor Stud Stakes, the day's principal race at Nottingham, was dominated by horses trained by Guy Harwood and Henry Cecil.

In the ring, Harwood's Tweeter (11-10) just had the call over Cecil's Legal Bid at 11-8. But in the race it was a different story with Legal Bid running out a very easy winner.

Today, the same protagonists are involved again with Harwood sending Buddy from Pulborough and Cecil saddling Moscow Society for the prize that he also won three years ago with Slip Anchor.

Again it promises to be a fascinating confrontation between the two.

Buddy is clearly well thought of. He started favourite for his only race so far, at Goodwood, and although he cut no ice that day he must be better than that to have been left in the Dewhurst Stakes at Newmarket after the four-day declaration stage.

In a season when his stable companions Reprimand, Sanquirico, Carmelite House and to a lesser extent, Salse, have dominated, Moscow Society has still been spoken of in glowing terms for a long while, perhaps because, being by Nijinsky, he is bred to get further and could be a Derby horse.

Clive Brittain, who trains the fancied Taylor Cares

When he was a yearling, Moscow Society must have been a pretty taking individual for his connections to go to $800,000 to buy him.

George Robinson, our Newmarket Correspondent, yesterday reported that Moscow Society had continued to thrive and that all his recent homework has borne the hallmarks of a future winner.

In which case, he could easily be the third of three winners for Steve Cauthen who is expected to win earlier on Count Trevisio (1.0) and Clive Brittain's Tailor Cares (2.0).

At Redcar, that admirably tough two-year-old J Cheever Loophole, trained by Colin Tinkler, will be having his 12th race of the season when contesting the Provideo Stakes.

J Cheever Loophole's last race was at Doncaster only five days ago when he beat all but Infanta Real.

There also promises to be an interesting race for the second division of the Eaglescliffe Maiden Stakes featuring Nabeel Dancer, with Pat Eddery aboard and Zahrana, with Walter Swinburn in the saddle, who is a grand daughter of Petite Etoile and like that great filly, a grey.

Today's nap though is Joseph to win the second division of the Links Maiden Stakes.

James Toller's three-year-old was fancied to win a harder race at Haydock Park 12 days ago only for the bad weather to intervene and interrupt his plan.

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Cauthen replies on Morasco

Steve Cauthen still leads Pat Eddery by two — 188 to 186 — in the jockeys' championship after the two contenders rode a winner apiece at Nottingham yesterday.

Corals have cut Eddery's title odds to 11-10 after laying a cash bet of £10,000 (tax paid) at 5-4. Cauthen remains favourite at 11-8 on and the firm offers 12-1 a tie.

Eddery did not have to wait long for a success, leading all the way on 15-2 chance Taustaff to score by two lengths from the favourite, Foolish Touch, in the Creda Electric Handicap, the second race on the programme.

But Cauthen responded with a length victory on Henry Cecil's 5-1 chance Morasco in the Flawborough Stakes. The winner, owned by Charles St George, was registering his first success in this country, having previously been trained by David O'Brien in Ireland.

Taustaff, trained by Peter Walwyn, was not winning out of turn. The filly had been placed in her last four races, just failing to win on this course last month for Brent Thomson on his last ride in England before he returned to Australia.

Danthonia looked another Eddery winner approaching the last quarter of a mile of the Creda Economy Fillies' Nursery, but the 3-1 favourite could not contend with the top weight Farras who got to the front a furlong out to win by a length. Farras is trained by Alec Stewart at Newmarket for Mohamed Obaida and was ridden by 11 times former South African champion Michael Roberts, who was enjoying his 73rd winner this term.

Gary King, who was apprentice to Lester Piggott for 5½ months before his indentures were transferred to Mark Tompkins in June, gained his 16th success when 11-4 favourite Funny Sarah won the Rainworth Apprentice Selling Handicap.

It has been a memorable season for Tompkins, who won the Tote Cesarewitch with Private Audition and has now sent out 23 winners — by far his best total.

TITLE RACE

STEVE CAUTHEN 188

Winners yesterday: one — Morasco (5-1).
Rides today: seven — Count Trevision (1.0 Nottingham), Balkan Leader (1.30), Taylor Cares (2.0), Stray No More (2.30), Moscow Society (3.0), Dragons Wrath (3.30), Tufty Lady (4.0).

PAT EDDERY 186

Winners yesterday: one — Taustaff (15-2).
Rides today: seven — Cadeaux Genereux (12.45 Redcar), So Stylish (1.15), Nabeel Dancer (1.45), Young Island (2.45), Slip And Stick (3.15), Okosan (3.45), Amber Loch (4.15).

(11 Flat racing days remaining)

PLUMPTON

Selections

By Mandarin

1.45 Chaise Longue. 2.15 Lector. 2.45 Icaro. 3.15 Fast Escape. 3.45 Sunset Valley. 4.15 Arctic Cavalier.

Going: soft

1.45 DYKE SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£705: 2m) (9 runners)

2	0003	MISS BRANTRIDGE 13 (CD,F) A Moore 5-11-10	G Moore
3	0042	SECLUSIVE 26 R Gow 4-11-9	NON—RUNNER
4	44P-	LINGFIELD LADY 301 (F,S) P Howling 5-11-9	G Heaver (7)
5	2923	LYSITHEA 4 (BF) W G M Turner 6-11-9	A Charlton (7)
6	F-P0	RUBADARK 17 (S) R Juckes 8-11-6	T Wall
7	00-0	PALMERSTON BOY 36 A Moore 4-11-3	W Morris
8	30P-	GREAT OWING 180 J Thomas 5-11-3	Mr D Jones
10	P0/U	PICCARD 13 G Ripley 6-11-3	Mrs N Ledger
11	06	CHAISE LONGUE 22 H O'Neill 5-11-3	G McCourt

7-4 Lysithea, 5-2 Miss Brantridge, 5-1 Lingfield Lady, 7-1 Great Owing, 10-1 Chaise Longue, 12-1 others.

2.15 CLERK'S FIFTIETH HANDICAP CHASE (£2,330: 2m) (8)

2	4440-	BELGROVE LAD 236 (G,S) T Forster 9-12-2	H Davies
3	10-4	BALLIMA 26 (CD,F,G,S) D Grissell 9-11-1	R Goldstein
4	3210	LECTOR 6 (B,F,G) D Elsworth 6-10-11	C Brown
5	11P-	GENERALISE 172 (D,S) G Thorner 5-10-6	J White
6	F-UP	MORE ONE WAY 7 (CD,G,S) R Parker 6-10-4	R Beggan
7	01PP	DAVE THE RAVE 12 (D,F,G,S) R Hodges 12-10-1	B Powell
8	F01-	NOBLE RUN 148 (F,G) R Champion 6-10-10	R Rowe
9	0FF-	ANNAGH GLOW 322 P Butler 6-10-0	Mr D Baker (7)

3-1 Belgrove Lad, 4-1 Lector, 5-1 Ballima, 6-1 Dave The Rave, 8-1 Generalise, 10-1 More One Way, 12-1 others.

2.45 HORSE AND HOUND CHALLENGE CUP HANDICAP HURDLE (Amateurs: £2,267: 2m) (20)

1	3F-0	PIP 12 (D,F) S Woodman 7-11-10	T Thomson Jones
2	000-	END OF ERA 183 (CD,F,G,S) J Long 9-11-5	J Poulton (7)
3	0-00	INFIELDER 7 (D,F,G,S) M Madgwick 8-11-5	D Madgwick (7)
5	2-14	DOWEGIAN 13 (CD,F,G,S) D Grissell 6-11-3	T Grantham
6	114/	HURRICANE HILL 752 (CD,G) J Long 10-11-2	P Clarke (7)
7	404-	BLACK SHEEP 190 (D,G) R Armytage 10-11-0	Miss S Wilson (7)
8	40-0	THAMES TRADER 21 (S) Mrs L Clay 6-11-0	Miss A Harwood (7)
10	400-	ANNIE RA 190 (D,S) B Preece 5-10-10	R Bevan (7)
11	0/10	EASTER RAMBLER 48 (CD,F) P Butler 5-10-10	D Baker (7)
12	23-0	DEBBIES PRINCE 21 C Bravery 6-10-10	Miss G Armytage
13	41-0	ICARO 31 (B,D,F) J Harriman 4-10-8	C Harriman (7)
14	000-	ZIPARIB 243 (D,S) J Elliott 9-10-7	Mrs C Elliott (7)
16	00/0	STAMPY 36 J Bridger 8-10-7	Miss R Bridger (7)
17	-000	MASTERLY 21 (B) T M Jones 5-10-7	Miss S Lawrence (7)
18	00	HOT TRAMP 48 (F,G,S) J Bridger 13-10-7	—
19	P0/0	POLO BOY 227 G Balding 7-10-7	J Cornwell (7)
20	000-	IN THE BREEZE 164 (F) P Howling 6-10-7	Miss S French (7)
21	00F4	MR BUN 12 J Honeyball 7-10-7	Miss N Parker (7)
22	300-	THE QUIETSTAN 180 R Parker 4-10-7	C Gateley (7)
23	0-00	SASPRING 10 (S) K White 12-10-7	J Hay (7)

4-1 Icaro, 9-2 Black Sheep, 5-1 Infielder, 6-1 Dowegian, 8-1 The Quietstan, 10-1 Pip, Debbies Prince, 12-1 others.

3.15 SHEEKEY'S RESTAURANT NOVICES CHASE (£1,592: 3m 1f) (14)

1	0-1P	FAST ESCAPE 7 (F) J Gifford 6-11-10	R Rowe
2	40	ARTFUL FELLA 5 (B) P Rodford 9-11-5	P Richards
4	P-03	CAMELLA'S CHOICE 32 S Mellor 6-11-5	G Landau
7	F4-2	COYOR 7 R Blakeney 7-11-5	Judy Blakeney
8	F30U	GARY BUCK 27 C Holmes 9-11-5	K Burke (4)
9	00-3	MISTER CHRISTIAN 7 (BF,S) D Barons 6-11-5	P Nicholls
10	420-	ORCHID BAY 195 (B,S) Mrs J Pitman 10-11-5	M Pitman
12	4322	RUSHY MEAD 12 (B) P Hobbs 9-11-5	Peter Hobbs
13	PP-0	SHELMORE BOY 10 (B) R Champion 7-11-5	S McNeill
14	0F0/	SPECTO SOLIS 588 S Woodman 8-11-5	R Dunwoody
15	P4F-	STARGAZE 194 R Curtis 7-11-5	R Goldstein
16	0/P-	BALTIC CALL 400 Miss N Berry 7-11-0	Mr T Grantham
17	F0F-	GLENBANE LADY 176 R Parker 6-11-0	R Beggan
18	UB-F	RALEIGH GAZELLE 14 W G M Turner 5-10-13	A Sharpe

5-2 Mister Christian, 3-1 Orchid Bay, 9-2 Fast Escape, 6-1 Coyor, 8-1 Gary Buck, 10-1 Rushy Mead, 12-1 others.

3.45 EBF NOVICES HURDLE QUALIFIER (£1,107: 2m) (13)

1	PP-	CURRAHEEN LAD R Gow 5-11-0	C Brown
2	0-	HIGHWAY PARADE 160 P Hobbs 5-11-0	Peter Hobbs
5	0F0-	LE MODESTY 190 A Moore 6-11-0	G Moore
6	P0-	MR MAGPIE 179 D Grissell 5-11-0	R Goldstein
7	00-0	NICOGHAN 16 D Barons 5-11-0	P Nicholls
8	U0-	SAINT FRED 190 S Christian 5-11-0	R Beggan
9	0/0	SPARKLING ACE 19 A Aylett 6-11-0	R Dunwoody
10	23-	SUNSET VALLEY 214 T Forster 5-11-0	H Davies
11	00/	VINCANTO 712 J Gifford 5-11-0	R Rowe
12	-00	POINT MADE 19 Mrs J Pitman 4-10-13	M Pitman
14	0-2	GREAT DESTINY 21 C Bravery 5-10-9	D Gallagher (4)
15	3F-0	DANCING BALLERINA 13 M Bolton 4-10-8	—
16	022-	TREMATON 157 (B) R Juckes 4-10-8	T Wall

9-4 Vincanto, 3-1 Sunset Valley, 9-2 Point Made, 6-1 Great Destiny, 8-1 Saint Fred, 10-1 Nicoghan, 12-1 others.

4.15 NEWICK NOVICES HURDLE (£722: 2m 4f) (18)

1		ARCARDOLA J Gifford 5-11-0	R Rowe
2	-003	ARCTIC CAVALIER 12 (B) Mrs J Pitman 5-11-0	M Pitman
4	430/	CHATSBY 587 T Forster 6-11-0	H Davies
5	F-0	COMPETITIVE BID 24 P Hobbs 5-11-0	Peter Hobbs
10	/20-	GOLDEN FOX 325 G Enright 5-11-0	M Perrett
12		MAORI POP T M Jones 7-11-0	Dale McKeown (4)
13	000-	OH FATHER 160 B Stevens 5-11-0	S Moore
14	4F-0	PICADILLY LORD 7 Miss L Bower 6-11-0	R Rowell
15	0	START BAY 14 D Barons 5-11-0	P Nicholls
16	00P-	TRIBAL DRUM 213 (B) D Browning 6-11-0	J Akehurst
19	000/	WOT NO SEAL 869 J Long 8-11-0	R Goldstein
21	0-04	LOCKWOOD PRINCE 17 S Harris 4-10-13	K Burke (4)
22	0	MR MOSS 6 H O'Neill 4-10-13	G McCourt
24	0-04	RED SINGH 13 (B) C Reed 4-10-13	G Moore
27	0P-0	WHIPCRACKAWAY 21 P Butler 4-10-13	—
28	24-0	DODDYCROSS 47 T Hallett 5-10-9	Samantha Dunster (7)
30	/0-0	ROMANA 18 J Jenkins 5-10-9	—
31	020-	SHULL RUN 213 T Forster 5-10-9	L Harvey

3-1 Romana, 7-2 Arctic Cavalier, 4-1 Arcardola, 6-1 Star Bay, 8-1 Shull Run, 10-1 Red Singh, 12-1 others.

Course specialists

TRAINERS: J Gifford, 18 winners from 102 runners, 17.6%; R Armytage, 7 from 40, 17.5%; D Grissell, 13 from 90, 14.4%; A Moore, 24 from 271, 8.9%. (Only qualifiers)

JOCKEYS: R Rowe, 25 winners from 155 rides, 16.1%; M Perrett, 19 from 122, 15.6%; R Goldstein, 25 from 220, 11.4%; G Moore, 25 from 267, 9.4%; R Rowell, 13 from 163, 7.9%. (Only qualifiers).

NOTTINGHAM

Selections

By Mandarin	By Our Newmarket Correspondent
1.00 Count Trevisio.	1.00 Count Trevisio.
1.30 Balkan Leader.	1.30 Fox Path.
2.00 Taylor Cares.	2.00 Taylor Cares
2.30 My Luth.	2.30 My Luth.
3.00 Moscow Society.	3.00 MOSCOW SOCIETY (nap).
3.30 Stride Home.	3.30 Dragons Wrath.
4.00 Roman Beach.	4.00 Roman Beach.

By Michael Seely
3.00 Moscow Society. 4.00 Roman Beach.

Going: good to soft **Draw: 5f-6f high numbers best**

1.0 REPTON CLAIMING STAKES (Div I: 3-Y-O: £1,291: 6f) (15 runners)

6	(15)	040-001	COUNT TREVISIO 134 (B,CD,S) (M Hartley) R Sheather 8-12	S Cauthen	● 98
10	(3)	30-0000	SHARPHAVEN 10 (D,F) (M Brittain) M Brittain 8-11	A Munro (7)	—
12	(14)	003040	BOWERS FOLD 10 (B) (Mrs C Geraghty) M W Easterby 8-9	T Lucas	88
14	(6)	304-000	GOOD TIME GIRL 21 (B,D,F) (D O'Brien) R Hannon 8-9	B Rouse	76
18	(5)	0000	MY INSPIRATION 73 (V) (T Swiler) M Eckley 8-8	L Riggio (7)	—
20	(9)	010000	LIME BROOK 10 (V,G) (A Fletcher) B Morgan 8-7	J Williams	88
23	(12)	400032	GREENHILL JAZZ TIME 21 (B) (J Shedden) J King 8-6	T Quinn	97
24	(10)	000300	SUPERLIFE 32 (Mrs P Yong) M Jarvis 8-6	G Duffield	94
25	(1)	000000	DOHTY BABY 21 (S) (R Whiting) H Whiting 8-5	G Hind (7)	68
28	(2)	0-20000	VIVA RONDA 13 (F) (J Li) Pat Mitchell 8-4	R Curant	92
30	(8)	000	AFRICAN LASS 21 (W Hodge) T Casey 8-2	T Williams	—
31	(11)	000	GHOST SHIP 14 (Miss L Mornell) L Cottrell 8-2	N Adams	—
32	(7)	000002	FLORET 21 (Mrs N Macauley) Mrs N Macauley 8-0	A Clark	77
35	(4)		BRIANSTAN CLARE (Mrs J Passey) R Peacock 7-13	R Fox	—
36	(13)	000	COURTOISIE 41 (J Bray) R Armstrong 7-13	P Barnard (7)	—

BETTING: 5-2 Count Trevisio, 7-2 Greenhill Jazz Time, 5-1 Floret, 8-1 Superlife, 12-1 Bowers Fold, African Lass, Sharphaven, 16-1 others.

1986: DEBBIE DO 9-7 J Lowe (16-1) C Thomson 22 ran

FORM COUNT TREVISIO (8-11) was blinkered for the first time when getting up close home to beat Needwood Nut (8-5) a short head here (6f, £2072, good to soft, Jun 15, 9 ran).
SHARPHAVEN (8-1) had LIME BROOK (8-4) 1l behind when the pair were 5th and 6th to Henry Will (9-1) at Catterick (7f, £2534, good to soft, Oct 17, 19 ran).
GREENHILL JAZZ TIME (8-11) 1½l 2nd to Distant Ruler (9-0) in Brighton maiden (5f, £959, good to soft, Oct 5, 9 ran) with AFRICAN LASS (8-11) was 5l away 5th.
SUPERLIFE has run badly over longer trips since a ¾l 3rd (9-3) to Glory Bee (7-12) in Folkestone handicap (7f, £1371, firm, Jly 14, 9 ran).
Selection: COUNT TREVISIO

1.30 REPTON CLAIMING STAKES (Div II: 3-Y-O: £1,280: 6f) (14 runners)

1	(9)	001200	PROSPECT PLACE 3 (D,S) (Mrs C Geraghty) M W Easterby 9-11	T Lucas	97
2	(10)	030200	THE DEVIL'S MUSIC 15 (D,F) (D Faulkner) N Bycroft 9-10	J Reid	93
4	(14)	34232-0	BALKAN LEADER 13 (A F Budge Ltd) Jimmy Fitzgerald 9-3	S Cauthen	98
7	(1)	002000	LUCEDEO 31 (F) (J Good) R Hollinshead 8-12	S Perks	93
8	(3)	0-0	RIVA MARQUEE 19 (W Gaff) D Lang 8-12	W Newnes	—
9	(7)	330240	VORTRACK 48 (F Swain) Mrs N Macauley 8-12	A Culhane (5)	● 99
13	(13)	034009	EBONY PRIDE 21 (B,D,S) (Mrs G Popple) Pat Mitchell 8-9	Gay Kelleway (3)	96
15	(4)	0-40	LOS GIGANTES 28 (G Clark) W Jarvis 8-9	B Rouse	93
18	(8)	00	BEAUREPAIRE BOY 190 (Miss D Hallsworth) Mrs G Reveley 8-7	A Proud	—
19	(12)	00	CHIEF GERONIMO 19 (D Hunnisett) D Morley 8-7	C Rutter	—
22	(6)	000001	FOX PATH 8 (D,S) (Mrs C Charles) C Charles 8-6	J Lowe	92
26	(5)	0	EEGEE WHIP 8 (Ind Glove Co Ltd) M Eckley 8-4	L Riggio (7)	—
27	(11)	000002	MISS DAISY 21 (Greenland Park Ltd) I Balding 8-4	T Ives	98
33	(2)	40-0000	LITTLE LOCHETTE 57 (Dr S Foster) J Spearing 8-0	G Hind (7)	—

BETTING: 7-2 Miss Daisy, 9-2 Fox Path, 11-2 Prospect Place, 8-1 Balkan Leader, Vortrack, 10-1 Los Gigantes, 12-1 Ebony Pride, 14-1 River Marque, The Devil's Music, 16-1 others.

1986: NO CORRESPONDING DIVISION

FORM PROSPECT PLACE, behind in handicap on Saturday, best judged on 1l York 2nd (7-11) to Cronk's Quality (8-6) (6f, £6610, heavy, Oct 10, 13 ran).
BALKAN LEADER has had only one outing since finishing 1½l 2nd (7-8) to Sendall Park (7-9) in Doncaster nursery (5f, £2918, good, Nov 7, 14 ran) with LUCEDEO (7-7) behind.
VORTRACK, behind latest, earlier (8-7) ran 2½l 2nd to Whippet (9-1) in Stakes race at Leicester (6f, £2654, good to firm, Aug 17) with EBONY PRIDE (8-4) 3¾l away last of six.
FOX PATH returned to form in a Hamilton seller, with ¾l victory (9-10) over Shan Louise (9-2) (6f, £1125, heavy, Oct 19, 9 ran).
MISS DAISY (8-2) had EBONY PRIDE (9-0) back in 7th when 4l 2nd to Surmise (8-1) at Wolverhampton (7f, £1985, soft, Oct 6, 16 ran).
Selection: BALKAN LEADER

2.0 FULL CHOKE HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £1,345: 2m 2f) (14 runners)

1	(3)	032223	QUELLE FILLE 28 (F Salman) P Cole 9-7	T Quinn	95
2	(8)	000342	TEMPLE REEF 22 (Mrs A Ferguson) J Dunlop 9-1	J Reid	97
3	(2)	400123	TAYLOR CARES 21 (G) (D Lemos) C Brittain 8-12	S Cauthen	● 99
4	(9)	002330	PENNY LOVER 32 (P Felgate) P Felgate 8-12	—	97
7	(1)	00-000	TAHGREBA 61 (Lt-Col E Harries) R Hannon 8-3	B Rouse	95
8	(4)	0-00033	PRADEL 14 (Mrs W Sola) M Ryan 8-3	G Duffield	96
10	(11)	0-00030	VESTAL FLAME 21 (BF) (P Mellon) I Balding 8-0	M Marshall (7)	98
11	(6)	0-00000	KURDISH PRINCE 14 (Mrs J Gray) N Vigors 7-11	S Dawson	89
12	(10)	0/00000	KEEL 7 (B Bishop) R Dickin 7-8	N Adams	—
13	(14)	0000-00	OXFORD PLACE 118 (B) (Mrs A Henson) M W Easterby 7-7	L Charnock	88
14	(12)	0000-0	FIRES OUT 27 (J Clark) P Butler 7-7	A Proud	—
15	(7)	0-00004	ODIAXERE 43 (H McEwen) W Morris 7-7	A Whitehall (7)	80
16	(5)	00-0004	SOARING EAGLES 96 (B) (Mrs E Dawes) T Kersey 7-7	T Williams	—
18	(13)	0	NUNS ROYAL 25 (M Kavanagh) R Dickin 7-7	R Fox	—

BETTING: 7-2 Taylor Cares, 9-2 Temple Reef, 6-1 Vestal Flame, 8-1 Quelle Fille, Penny Lover, 10-1 Pradel, 14-1 Firest Out, Oxford Place, 16-1 others.

1986: PATRIOTIC 7-8 A Mackay (12-1) M Prescott 16 ran

FORM QUELLE FILLE (8-11) ran her usual consistent race 6½l 3rd to Loveskate (8-11) at Catterick (1m 7f 180yd, £959, good to firm, Sep 18, 10 ran).
TEMPLE REEF (8-8) far from disgraced 1l behind subsequent Cesarewitch runner-up Sir Eineas (8-13) at Bath (2m 1f 27yd, £2994, good, Oct 5, 12 ran).
TAYLOR CARES, a Newmarket selling winner, not disgraced in better company subsequently, most recently (9-0) 7½l 3rd to Minizen Lad (8-7) at Newcastle (2m, £2191, good, Oct 6, 10 ran) with VESTAL FLAME (8-6) 8th.
PENNY LOVER (8-3) best judged on a 3½l 3rd to Exorbitant (8-8) at Beverley (2m, £959, soft, Aug 27, 14 ran) with TEMPLE REEF (8-8) 8l 4th.
PRADEL, 2l 3rd to Ibn Majed here last month, last time (7-13) a length 3rd to Lurex Girl (7-7) at Warwick (2m, £1676, good to soft, Oct 13, 18 ran) with 33/1 shots KURDISH PRINCE (7-7) and KEEL (7-7) well beaten.
Selection: PRADEL

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per Cent
H Cecil	33	73	45.2
C Tinkler	7	39	17.9
J Dunlop	16	104	15.4
H T Jones	11	78	14.1
R Houghton	7	53	13.2
P Walwyn	10	81	12.3

JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per Cent
S Cauthen	35	165	21.2
Paul Eddery	19	143	13.3

Only qualifiers

2.30 BITTER END SELLING HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £1,086: 1m 2f) (16 runners)

1	(9)	0-00000	SPATS COLUMBO 7 (P Simmonite) J Jenkins 9-7	J Williams	82
2	(15)	002320	GAELIC LOVER 15 (B,G) (E Hutchison) C Tinkler 9-4	A Culhane (5)	90
3	(12)	302124	MAYSPARK 7 (B,D,F) (P Doherty) W Haigh 9-4	N Day	90
5	(8)	0-01000	STRAY NO MORE 113 (F) (Mrs L Webster) Mrs J Ramsden 9-1	S Cauthen	68
6	(5)	0000	MY LUTH 21 (Mrs I Scane) G Huffer 9-0	W Newnes	88
8	(16)	0000	FOGGY DEW 17 (Prem Racehorse Owners) D Thom 8-12	G Starkey	—
9	(1)	01-0000	FOLLY GALE 7 (D,F) (Mrs A Upsdell) Mrs V Reavey 8-10	P Barnard (7)	93
10	(3)	000004	ROYAL TOWER 19 (B) (Mrs G Spink) H Jones 8-10	M Wigham	82
11	(4)	0000	HASTY SARAH 36 (R Marten) W Brooks 8-9	J Reid	—
14	(11)	100040	JUST A DECOY 10 (D,F) (T Butcher) N Bycroft 8-6	J Lowe	90
15	(10)	000000	LOVEABLE PRINCESS 14 (V) (M Tabor) M Ryan 8-6	G Duffield	56
16	(14)	000000	GREETLAND GIRL 19 (J Wilkins) R Whitaker 8-5	K Bradshaw (5)	97
17	(2)	0-00300	IF YOU PLEASE 21 (F Folkes) D Wintle 8-5	C McNamee	96
18	(6)	040000	MALACANANG 21 (Miss J Camacho) M Camacho 8-4	L Charnock	98
19	(13)	000340	SPRING FORWARD 21 (Mrs T Daniels) Pat Mitchell 8-2	T Williams	● 99
20	(7)	000000	ORIOLE DANCER 28 (V,F) (J Bush) D Thom 8-1	A Shoults (3)	91

BETTING: 4-1 Mayspark, 11-2 Spring Forward, 6-1 Gaelic Lover, 8-1 Stray No More, Loveable Princess, 10-1 Royal Tower, 14-1 Greetland Girl, Just A Decoy, Oriole Dancer, 16-1 others.

1986: BAYDON QUEEN 8-4 S Whitworth (20-1) D Hanley 16 ran

FORM GAELIC LOVER best judged on penultimate outing when (9-0) 3l 2nd to Tidas (8-11) at Hamilton (1m 1f, Sell, £1031, soft, Sept 28, 8 ran).
MAYSPARK (9-0) never nearer when 11l 4th to Absinthe (9-4) at Leicester (1m 2f, Claim, £928, soft, Oct 20, 11 ran) with FOLLY GALE (9-0) another 11l behind in 6th and SPATS COLUMBO (9-7) in 7th.
STRAY NO MORE (8-6) one pace inside final two furlongs when 9½l 5th to Shabby Doll (9-1) at Edinburgh (1m 3f, £873, firm, Jly 6, 7 ran).
ROYAL TOWER (7-7) no extra inside distance when 13½l 4th to Lindi's Gold (7-9) at York (1m 2f 110yd, Sell, £3070, good, Oct 8, 12 ran) with GREETLAND GIRL (7-12) out of the first nine.
JUST A DECOY (8-7) best judged on a 3l 4th to Entire (9-0) at Redcar (1m 2f, Sell, £978, good to firm, Sept 26, 13 ran) with MALACANANG (8-7) back in 9th.
SPRING FORWARD (8-11) has chance when 8½l 4th to The Maque (9-6) here (1m 2f, Sell, £1011, good to firm, Sept 29, 10 ran) with ORIOLE DANCER (8-6) ¾l behind in 5th.
Selection: JUST A DECOY

3.0 WHATTON MANOR STUD STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,430: 1m 50yd) (13 runners)

4	(12)		ANDROS PRINCE (E St George) M W Easterby 8-11	L Charnock	—
6	(2)	00	BIOSTON MILL 7 (A Piller) P Haslam 8-11	A Shoults (3)	—
7	(1)	0	BUDDY 45 (BF) (J Brody) G Harwood 8-11	G Starkey	—
9	(7)		FORGET THE BLUES (D Wilson) D A Wilson 8-11	B Rouse	—
10	(8)		MACARTHUR (Mrs A Henson) M W Easterby 8-11	T Lucas	—
12	(13)		MOSCOW SOCIETY (Sheikh Mohammed) H Cecil 8-11	S Cauthen	—
17	(6)		SHEHIYR (H H Aga Khan) R Johnson Houghton 8-11	W Newnes	—
20	(10)		CRACKERMAC (T McCarthy) Mrs B Waring 8-6	J Williams	—
21	(11)		DISCREET CHARM (H Al-Tajer) H Thomson Jones 8-6	P D'Arcy	—
28	(3)		MASCALLS GIRL (Mascalls Stud Farm Ltd) P Makin 8-6	T Quinn	—
30	(4)	0	SERENE MONARCH 36 (R Popely) P Kelleway 8-6	J Reid	—
31	(9)		SMACK ON TARGET (K Fitzmaurice) B McMahon 8-6	T Williams	—
32	(5)		SUZY LORENZO (J De Mestre) D Laing 8-6	N Adams	—

BETTING: 4-5 Moscow Society, 3-1 Buddy, 9-1 Shehiyr, 14-1 Discreet Charm, 16-1 Macarthur, Serene Monarch, 20-1 others.

1986: LEGAL BID 8-11 S Cauthen (11-8) H Cecil 19 ran

FORM BUDDY, a half-brother to Alphabatim, was beaten 17l into 8th (9-0) behind Cinnamon Reel (9-0) when favourite for newcomer's race at Goodwood (7f, £4106, soft, Sept 12, 15 ran).
ANDROS PRINCE (Foaled: Apr 11) is full-brother to very useful performer Commodore Blake.
MOSCOW SOCIETY (Foaled: May 31. Cost $800,000) is well thought of at home: stable won this with Slip Anchor in 1984 and Legal Bid last year.
SHEHIYR (Foaled: Apr 18) is half-brother to stable's very smart miler Shaikiya
DISCREET CHARM (Foaled: Apr 20) is related to three winners, including good hurdler Ibn Majed.
No Selection

3.30 EAST MIDLAND NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £2,234: 1m 50yd) (20 runners)

1	(9)	210	IRGAIM 124 (F) (H Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 9-7	P D'Arcy	90
3	(20)	2122	DRAGONS WRATH 29 (D,G) (Sheikh Mohammed) H Cecil 9-6	S Cauthen	93
6	(5)	310	LAURIES TREASURE 87 (S) (L James) R Boss 8-11	G Starkey	96
8	(16)	003300	ROYAL COURSE 3 (G) (A Fawcett) J Wainwright 8-5	T Ives	92
11	(10)	200000	SNAKE EYE 31 (G) (Mrs A Ferguson) W Wharton 8-4	R Curant	97
12	(12)	024030	BOLD AND HANDSOME 35 (Capt M Lemos) C Brittain 8-4	G Duffield	94
13	(4)	111	BOULEVARD GIRL 15 (CD,F,G,S) (A Lyons) C Booth 8-4 (10ex)	J Lowe	94
15	(15)	12331	STRIDE HOME 38 (F,S) (E Jameson) P Cole 8-3	T Quinn	● 99
17	(19)	04000	CREVE COEUR 14 (M Moss) P Makin 8-3	Paul Eddery	93
20	(13)	024001	GOSCAR 22 (F) (Lady Matthews) M Camacho 8-2	L Charnock	94
21	(18)	0030	FIRELIGHT FIESTA 49 (Mrs J Lamb) P Haslam 8-1	T Williams	92
22	(2)	010222	QUEENS TOUR 4 (G,S) (I Bell) M Brittain 8-1	A Proud	95
23	(1)	4010	PROMISE KEPT 14 (CD,F) (A Fawcett) J Wainwright 8-0	C Rutter	90
26	(17)	04000	PLEASURE DANCER 21 (C B 3 International Ltd) D Arbuthnot 7-12	D McKay	90
27	(14)	02000	PICOVUS 14 (B) (F Marsh) John FitzGerald 7-12	R Fox	92
28	(8)	240220	VIKING VENTURE 15 (K Fischer) M E Francis 7-11	N Carlisle	91
32	(7)	121020	TEAR IT DOWN 36 (B,C,F,S) (A Spence) R Akehurst 7-8	N Adams	97
33	(11)	000010	WINMOSS 4 (V,F,S) (M Brittain) M Brittain 7-8 (10ex)	P Barnard (7)	96
34	(6)	400022	SEXTON 14 (BF) (Nimrod Company) R Hannon 7-7	S Dawson	94
35	(3)	040000	TENDER ALI 15 (C Hunt) N Bycroft 7-7	A Culhane (5)	93

BETTING: 5-1 Boulevard Girl, 6-1 Stride Home, Dragons Wrath, 7-1 Irgaim, 15-2 Sexton, 8-1 Lauries Treasure, 10-1 Queens Tour, 12-1 Tear It Down, 14-1 Bold And Handsome, Goscar, 16-1 others.

1986: CHESTER TERRACE 8-4 Paul Eddery (12-1) P Walwyn 19 ran

FORM DRAGONS WRATH (9-4) showed best form at Beverley in July (7f 100yd, £1776, good to firm, 7 ran) when a head 2nd to Kafu Warrior (9-1).
LAURIES TREASURE, below form latest, best judged (8-9) on a ½l win over Gun Lady (8-9) in a Lingfield maiden (6f, £1832, good to soft, Jly 25, 18 ran) with PLEASURE DANCER (9-0) 7½l 4th.
BOULEVARD GIRL, a winner at Ayr (1m, soft) last time, previously (7-7) beat DRAGONS WRATH (9-7) a length over course and distance in September (1m 50yd, £2396, good to firm, 20 ran) with ROYAL COURSE (8-6) a short head 3rd.
STRIDE HOME, a heavy ground Newbury winner, last time at Catterick (7f, £2467, good to firm, Sept 19, 13 ran) (8-13) 2½l 2nd (promoted to 1st) to Aquainted (8-7) after being badly hampered.
SEXTON (7-7) a creditable 2l 2nd to Bohea Destroyer (8-0) at Warwick latest start (1m, £1908, good to soft, Oct 13, 25 ran) with CREVE COEUR (8-11) 3¼l 5th and PICOVUS (8-4) never dangerous.
Selection: STRIDE HOME

4.0 LESTER PIGGOTT FINAL HANDICAP (£1,782: 1m 50yd) (20 runners)

1	(3)	030002	ROMAN BEACH 20 (BF,F,G,S) (R Canham) W Musson 7-10-3	M Wigham	90
2	(13)	213310	SHARON'S ROYALE 14 (F,G,S) (Lafferty Ltd) R Whitaker 4-10-0	K Bradshaw (5)	91
3	(15)	30-3000	ACONITUM 4 (F,G) (J Galvanoni) R Hutchinson 6-9-10	NON—RUNNER	90
4	(4)	323031	KATE IS BEST 22 (G) (T Ramsden) M Ryan 3-9-6	N Day	89
8	(1)	0-03430	PITCHFORK 52 (A Oldrey) P Walwyn 3-9-3	N Howe	96
9	(2)	40-00	AUNTIE SYBIL 7 (Binfield Manor Farms) J Francome 3-9-3	L Dettori (5)	95
10	(10)	2000-00	MARK ANGELO 123 (M Christoff) R Boss 3-9-1	G Starkey	87
13	(19)	220203	HYPNOLOGY 29 (V,BF) (Lord Derby) W Hastings-Bass 3-8-13	T Ives	● 99
15	(9)	033311	MISS EMILY 8 (G,S) (M Hall) D Chapman 3-8-12 (10ex)	J Carroll (5)	96
16	(5)	013030	STARS IN MOTION 7 (B) (Mrs G Ward) D Arbuthnot 3-8-10	J Reid	91
17	(14)	000003	TUFTY LADY 7 (C,F) (Mrs S Hinde) R Armstrong 3-8-10	S Cauthen	89
20	(11)	000004	READY WIT 7 (V,F,G,S) (Mrs R Tennant) R Hannon 6-8-8	L Jones (5)	90
21	(7)	30-1124	JELDAIRE 115 (S) (D White) N Tinkler 4-8-8	Kim Tinkler	91
22	(6)	004440	GIVING IT ALL AWAY 7 (CD,F) (R Daltrey) H Beasley 4-8-8	J Williams	91
23	(20)	000009	SENIIS 7 (H Saunders) P Arthur 3-8-8	N Adams	89
24	(12)	0042	FIRST TIME OVER 15 (B) (Capt J M-Buchanan) M Prescott 3-8-7	G Duffield	98
25	(17)	200000	FOOTSTOOL 5 (B) (N Spreadbury) D A Wilson 4-8-7	B Rouse	87
26	(8)	400-0	SOME DREAM 41 (C Blackwell) J Winter 3-8-7	T Quinn	80
31	(18)	404000	SUPREME KINGDOM 14 (S) (J Good) R Hollinshead 4-8-5	S Perks	96
36	(16)	014431	OPTIMISM FLAMED 21 (G) (C Webster) Mrs J Ramsden 4-8-4	W Newnes	93

BETTING: 5-1 Roman Beach, 6-1 First Time Over, 13-2 Tufty Lady, 7-1 Stars In Motion, 8-1 Kate Is Best, Hypnology, 9-1 Pitchfork, 10-1 Miss Emily, Jeldaire, 12-1 others.

1986: ACTUALIZATIONS 3-8-9 R Cochrane (4-1 jt-fav) L Cumani 19 ran

FORM ROMAN BEACH (9-3) stayed on inside distance when 1½l 2nd to Red Twilight (8-3) at York (1m 2f 110yd, £3272, good, Oct 7, 9 ran) with FOOTSTOOL (7-13) back in 9th.
KATE IS BEST (8-4) got up close home to beat Cammarino (9-3) a length at Bath (1m 5yd, £3302, good, Oct 5, 10 ran).
PITCHFORK (9-0) best judged on a 4¾l 3rd to Castle Ward (9-0) here (1m 2f, £1279, good to firm, Aug 11, 10 ran).
FIRST TIME OVER (8-8) not disgraced when 4l 2nd to Hold Dear (9-0) at Ayr (1m, £959, soft, Oct 12, 6 ran).
OPTIMISM FLAMED (8-5) all out to beat New Evidence (8-6) a short head at Newcastle (1m, £2628, good, Oct 6, 20 ran) with MISS EMILY (8-4) another length away 3rd.
MISS EMILY on latest outing (9-0) held on in game style to beat Linpac Mapleleaf (8-10) a neck at Hamilton (1m 40yd, £1533, heavy, Oct 19, 13 ran).
Selection: FIRST TIME OVER

British debut for National hope

American chaser Sugar Bee, a Grand National hopeful, will make his British jumping debut, with Hywel Davies aboard, at Wincanton on Thursday or Devon on Friday.

The nine-year-old is based with Tim Forster and will be ridden by top American amateur Charlie Fenwick at Aintree on April 9. The pair combined to win the Maryland Hunt Cup in April.

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Selections

By Mandarin	By Our Newmarket Correspondent
12.45 Masnun.	12.45 Cadeaux Genereux.
1.15 Qannaas.	1.15 Qannaas.
1.45 Zahrana.	1.45 Zahrana.
2.15 Marsoom.	2.15 Regency Square.
2.45 JOSEPH (nap).	2.45 Joseph.
3.15 J Cheever Loophole.	3.15 Slip And Stick.
3.45 Pinctada.	3.45 Transflash.
4.15 Baby Marie.	4.15 Laughing Moon.

Michael Seely selection: 1.45 ZAHRANA (nap).
The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.45 JOSEPH.

Going: soft (str); good soft (rnd) **Draw: no advantage**

12.45 EAGLESCLIFFE MAIDEN STAKES (Div I: 2-Y-O: £959: 6f) (16 runners)

2	(6)	4	CADEAUX GENEREUX 21 (M Al Maktoum) O Douieb 9-0	Pat Eddery	98
5	(11)	0	CHAUME 36 (I Allan) C Wall 9-0	M Giles	90
11	(5)	0	FINTACK 11 (L Mason) A Smith 9-0	S Webster	—
12	(12)	0000	GOLFER'S SUNRISE 16 (P Raymond) W Pearce 9-0	P Widger (7)	—
16	(1)	0	JACKSON BLUE 14 (Jackson Construction) J Balding 9-0	S Horsfall (5)	—
18	(7)	00	LITTLE MESTER 102 (H Housley) M W Easterby 9-0	W Carson	74
19	(3)	00	LOVELY JENNIFER 11 (Mrs C Ryan) R O'Leary 9-0	M Birch	—
22	(16)	03	MASNUN 29 (BF) (H Al-Maktoum) R Armstrong 9-0	M Roberts	● 99
23	(15)	00	MATILDA'S GENERAL 21 (Mrs G Weston) J Watts 9-0	A Mercer	90
33	(9)	00	SNOWY'S BOY 28 (B) (Fir Trading Ltd) J Wainwright 9-0	H Ballantine	—
34	(8)	0	STAINCLIFFE LAD 28 (S Wilson) M W Easterby 9-0	M Hindley	—
36	(2)		TARKOVSKY (C St George) M W Easterby 9-0	B Raymond	—
45	(14)	0	COMFREY GLEN 26 (Mrs S Smart) J Hindley 8-9	M Hills	96
51	(10)	0	O K SANDRA 15 (T Butcher) N Bycroft 8-9	G Carter	—
54	(13)	0	PRETTY PRODUCE 21 (Sheikh Ali Abu Khamsin) J Etherington 8-9	K Darley	—
55	(4)		RED BALLAD (R Gladdis) L Cumani 8-9	R Cochrane	—

BETTING: 5-2 Cadeaux Genereux, 11-4 Red Ballad, 5-1 Masnun, 7-1 Comfrey Glen, 8-1 Matilda's General, 10-1 Chaume, 12-1 Tarkovsky, 16-1 others.

1986: ABY MUSLAB 9-0 G Baxter (5-1) B Hanbury 26 ran

1.15 LINKS MAIDEN STAKES (Div I: £959: 1m 4f) (12 runners)

1	(9)	000/0	ASTURIAS 56 (Mrs A Dawson) J Jefferson 4-9-0	B Raymond	60
4	(12)	0-00000	LISAILY 437 (D) (R Midgley) G Kelly 7-9-0	M Hindley	—
12	(3)	432222	BLANTON RESERVE 15 (B) (R Bonnycastle) B Hills 3-8-8	M Hills	95
13	(2)	00-	CLARA NEWS 353 (B) (W Wyllie) J Charlton 3-8-8	P Burke (7)	—
14	(6)	00020F	GEDBRITONY 76 (G Atkinson) D Moffatt 3-8-8	D Nicholls	65
15	(5)	0-43000	GIFTED NEPHEW 14 (V) (E Edmonds) C Tinkler 3-8-8	M Birch	80
18	(11)	.000-000	MUNTAG 11 (Mrs L Armstrong) M Reddan 3-8-8	J Quinn (5)	67
20	(1)	2-300	QANNAAS 123 (H Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 3-8-8	R Hills	● 99
31	(4)	4233	KLARARA 80 (Sheikh Mohammed) J Dunlop 3-8-5	W Carson	96
38	(7)	434290	SO STYLISH 11 (J Greetham) G Pritchard-Gordon 3-8-5	Pat Eddery	90
39	(8)		STARRY KAREN (M McMahon) W Hastings-Bass 3-8-5	K Darley	—
40	(10)	0	SYRIAN PORT 144 (B Hughes) W Hastings-Bass 3-8-5	R Lines (3)	—

BETTING: 7-4 Qannaas, 5-2 Klarara, 4-1 Blanton Reserve, 7-1 So Stylish, 14-1 Syrian Port, 16-1 Gifted Nephew, 20-1 others.

1986: (Div I) AIRCRAFTIE 3-8-5 B Thomson (4-1 jt-fav) B Hills 15 ran

1.45 EAGLESCLIFFE MAIDEN STAKES (Div II: 2-Y-O: £959: 6f) (16 runners)

4	(9)	00	CESTRIAN PRINCE 50 (G Corbett) S Norton 9-0	M Hills	—
9	(4)	30230	DEE AND EM 36 (BF) (Mrs M Russell) W Pearce 9-0	D Nicholls	86
10	(10)	02	ERADICATE 57 (K MacPherson) P Calver 9-0	P Cook	91
13	(5)	30	GRAND ISLAND 21 (R Howarth) E Weymes 9-0	W Ryan	71
14	(15)	009	GREY RUM 38 (P Lewis) W Pearce 9-0	R Cochrane	76
25	(13)	0	NABEEL DANCER 29 (BF) (M Al Maktoum) O Douieb 9-0	Pat Eddery	● 99
26	(3)		NAMUS (H Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 9-0	R Hills	—
31	(2)	0	SE-AQ 39 (N Thomas) J Watts 9-0	N Connorton	80
32	(12)	40	SHAY 14 (B Brooks) M Brittain 9-0	K Darley	77
37	(14)	00	TIGER TIGER 77 (Mrs A Henson) M W Easterby 9-0	M Birch	—
38	(7)	003	TOP ONE 19 (E Holding) E Eldin 9-0	B Raymond	83
39	(1)	00	TRIPLE TOP 15 (B Roberts) M W Easterby 9-0	W Carson	72
44	(16)	0	CLIPPER QUEEN 43 (I Allen) C Wall 8-9	M Giles	—
53	(8)	33	PERSISTENT BELL 36 (Concorde Bloodstock) Jimmy Fitzgerald 8-9	K Hodgson	82
57	(6)	0	STONE ME 20 (I Anderson) M W Easterby 8-9	M Hindley	—
60	(11)		ZAHRANA (Aga Khan) M Stoute 8-9	W R Swinburn	—

BETTING: 9-4 Nabeel Dancer, 100-30 Namus, 4-1 Zahrana, 8-1 Persistent Bell, 10-1 Top One, 12-1 Eradicate, 14-1 Grand Island, 16-1 Clipper Queen, 20-1 others.

1986: ABY MUSLAB 9-0 G Baxter (5-1) B Hanbury 26 ran

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per Cent
L Cumani	18	43	41.9
M Stoute	17	49	34.7
H T Jones	21	92	22.8
G P-Gordon	13	67	19.4
J Watts	20	156	12.8
R Hollinshead	17	205	8.3

JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per Cent
R Hills	14	75	18.7
W Ryan	21	116	18.1
B Raymond	11	67	16.4
M Hills	9	64	14.1

Only qualifiers

Guide to our in-line racecard

103	(12)	0-0432	TIMESFORM 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0	B West (4)	88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F-fell. P-pulled up. U-unseated rider. B-brought down. S-slipped up. R-refused). Horse's name. Days since last outing. (B-blinkers. V-visor. H-hood. E-Eyeshield. C-course winner. D-distance winner. CD-course and distance winner. BF-beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F-firm, good to firm, hard. G-good. S-soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

2.15 BRASS CASTLE SELLING HANDICAP (£1,037: 1m 2f) (18 runners)

4	(1)	000000	WINDMEDE 8 (S) (M Brittain) M Brittain 3-9-10	K Darley	94
6	(3)	4000U0/	QUALITAIR BOY 718 (B,S) (Qualitair Engineering) K Stone 5-9-7	A Kimberley	—
7	(7)	240230	PETROC CONCERT 49 (B) (D Gill) R Whitaker 3-9-3	D McKeown	92
8	(4)	00/0000	SWEET ROSA 73 (E Plumb) P Howling 5-9-3	B Crossley	94
11	(14)	100/0-00	JUDY'S DOWRY 40 (BF,S) (Mrs V McGeough) W Wharton 6-9-2	M Birch	90
13	(10)	000000	MOLLY PARTRIDGE 14 (F) (G Farndon Eng) H Wharton 4-8-12	D Nicholls	91
14	(8)	0-00000	GREENHILL'S GIRL 24 (S) (I Ives) D Moffatt 4-8-11	Dana Mellor (7)	98
17	(13)	401413	THE WHITE LION 8 (G,S) (W Holland) J Glover 3-8-8	G Carter	95
21	(12)	040000	GAY STARLIGHT 15 (Mrs V Ball) Miss L Siddall 4-8-8	P Hamblett	93
24	(5)	00-30	JAY-BEE WINDOWS 31 (D Chapman) D Chapman 4-8-6	—	88
25	(6)	000020	FIR TRADING 21 (Fir Trading Ltd) J Wainwright 3-8-5	J Quinn (5)	93
26	(15)	040040	MARSOOM 22 (D,G) (Mrs L Beasley) H Beasley 5-8-5	W Carson	93
27	(16)	0/00000	MY DENNY BOY 33 (G Allison) N Bycroft 5-8-4	S Webster	—
30	(2)	00-2000	GLENDERRY 15 (V,G) (Mrs A Jones) Hbt Jones 5-8-3	R Hills	● 99
31	(9)	000000	REGENCY SQUARE 15 (D,G) (A Helaissi) P Felden 4-8-1	Abigail Richards (7)	92
32	(17)	0-30000	RUN FOR FRED 90 (A Potts) A Potts 5-8-1	R Lines (3)	94
33	(11)	030000	HIGHAM GREY 11 (B,F,G,S) (W Chapman) D Chapman 11-7-12	—	98
34	(18)	0000/00	MISTER PETARD 31 (G Kelly) G Kelly 5-7-10	S Wood (7)	—

BETTING: 9-4 The White Lion, 11-4 Glenderry, 5-1 Petroc Concert, 13-2 Fir Trading, 10-1 Jay-Bee Windows, 12-1 Sweet Rosa, 20-1 Greenhill's Girl, 25-1 others.

1986: POLYNOR 5-8-3 G Bardwell (7-1) M Ryan 14 ran

2.45 LINKS MAIDEN STAKES (Div II: £959: 1m 4f) (12 runners)

2	(11)	0	CONNAUGHT CARD 14 (N Harras) M Ellerby 5-9-0	S Morris	—
10	(12)	000220	ISLAND WHISPER 57 (T Holland-Martin) R J Houghton 4-8-11	W R Swinburn	72
16	(3)		GREAT CONNECTION (M Al Maktoum) H Cecil 3-8-8	W Ryan	—
17	(1)	00420	JOSEPH 38 (Lady Clanwilliam) J Toller 3-8-8	R Cochrane	● 99
21	(9)	424300	REGENT LAD 25 (B) (F Tyldesley) Miss L Siddall 3-8-8	M Birch	78
22	(4)	0	YOUNG ISLAND 7 (D Lucie-Smith) K Cunningham-Brown 3-8-8	Pat Eddery	—
26	(6)	220	CHRISTIN'S SILVER 110 (Mrs G Bronfman) J Hindley 3-8-5	M Hills	96
28	(7)	400002	INBISAT 11 (H Al-Maktoum) A Stewart 3-8-5	M Roberts	87
32	(5)	2-02320	LIPREADER 41 (Maj M Wyatt) G Pritchard-Gordon 3-8-5	G Carter	90
33	(8)	340040	MAJESTIC MISS 19 (V) (M Webster) G Oldroyd 3-8-5	P Burke (7)	74
36	(2)	0004	REPUTATION 25 (R Sangster) J Hills 3-8-5	P Cook	89
37	(10)	000404-	ROSENTI 73 (B) (Arkle Office Supplies) S Mellor 3-8-5	Dana Mellor (7)	70

BETTING: 13-8 Great Connection, 11-4 Inbisat, 5-1 Christin's Silver, 6-1 Joseph, 8-1 Lipreader, 10-1 Reputation, 16-1 others.

1986: (Div I) AIRCRAFTIE 3-8-5 B Thomson (4-1 jt-fav) B Hills 15 ran

3.15 PROVIDEO STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,131: 5f) (4 runners)

4	(3)	202312	J CHEEVER LOOPHOLE 4 (D,F,S) (S Astaire) C Tinkler 9-6	M Birch	● 99
5	(2)	140001	SLIP AND STICK 26 (D,F) (O Zawawi) B Hanbury 9-6	Pat Eddery	91
11	(1)	0	JENNY'S PET 73 (H Yates) R Hollinshead 8-12	R Lappin (5)	—
12	(4)		SWELL ROMANCE (Mrs R Watson) R Whitaker 8-12	D McKeown	—

BETTING: 4-6 J Cheever Loophole, 11-8 Slip And Stick, 25-1 Jenny's Pet, Swell Romance.

1986: CHILIBANG 9-5 W Carson (8-13 fav) J Dunlop 5 ran

3.45 GANTON HANDICAP (£3,057: 7f) (17 runners)

2	(17)	00-0010	ROMANTIC UNCLE 21 (S) (P Cockcroft) H Wharton 4-9-10	D Nicholls	88
3	(16)	000002	THE MAZALL 38 (CD,F,G) (Mrs G Smith) Miss L Siddall 7-9-10	M Birch	90
8	(2)	340424	AFRICAN QUEEN 21 (BF) (H Kaskel) B Hills 3-9-7	M Hills	89
9	(13)	343044	PINEY RIVER 10 (G Strawbridge) I Balding 3-9-5	NON—RUNNER	98
10	(15)	004300	ROUNDELAY 57 (S Green) J Payne 3-9-5	R Cochrane	87
11	(10)	111101	PINCTADA 4 (D,G,S) (T Ramsden) R Simpson 5-9-12 (7ex)	S Whitworth	● 99
12	(9)	200300	TRANSFLASH 34 (F,G,S) (D Rolt) E Eldin 8-9-2	B Raymond	89
13	(14)	031000	SHARLIE'S WIMPY 28 (F,G) (R Jelley) W Pearce 8-9-0	G Widger (7)	93
14	(4)	200023	BOTHY BALLAD 10 (C,F) (P Calver) P Calver 3-8-13	P Cook	88
15	(7)	341033	GLORY GOLD 8 (BF,S) (M Brittain) M Brittain 3-8-12	K Darley	86
16	(12)	042400	OKOSAN 10 (B) (J Nethercott-Hunt) W Pearce 3-8-10	Pat Eddery	98
17	(11)	040010	FLITTERISS PARK 7 (C,F) (Miss S Hoare) R Whitaker 3-8-9	J Quinn (5)	89
24	(3)	003000	EDGEWISE 21 (D,F,S) (A Anastasiou) C Charter 4-8-3	W Carson	98
28	(6)	040004	LITTLE NEWINGTON 8 (B,S) (Capes Management) N Bycroft 6-7-7	G Carter	89
29	(8)	000400	GUTSY 31 (Mrs A Jones) Hbt Jones 4-7-7	P Hill	79
30	(1)	0000/00-	SEAN BE FRIENDLY 507 (Mrs L Armstrong) M Reddan 7-7-7	P Burke (7)	—
32	(5)	00000-0	TREE FELLA 14 (F,S) (D Jones) G Kelly 10-7-7	G Foster (7)	—

BETTING: 11-4 Pinctada, 7-2 The Mazall, 4-1 Romantic Uncle, 6-1 Bothy Ballad, 13-2 Piney River, African Queen, 12-1 Glory Gold, 14-1 others.

1986: BROADHURST 3-8-2 S Webster (15-2) J Etherington 21 ran

4.15 EBF MUNICIPAL GRADUATION STAKES (2-Y-O: £1,494: 1m) (8 runners)

1	(3)	21	LAUGHING MOON 15 (D,S) (Sheikh Mohammed) H Cecil 9-4	W Ryan	95
2	(2)	201	BABY MARIE 8 (S) (Mrs H Heinz) J Dunlop 8-13	W Carson	96
4	(5)	000000	AMBER LOCH 32 (J Arriola) O Douieb 8-11	Pat Eddery	—
6	(6)		CARBO BOOSTER (J Lynch) E Weymes 8-11	S Webster	—
7	(7)		FRENCH POLISH (Lord Howard de Walden) E Weymes 8-11	D Nicholls	—
9	(8)	002	GOVERNOR'S HARBOUR 15 (Mrs A Reid) R Armstrong 8-11	M Roberts	● 99
11	(1)	00	JOLLY VIC 14 (N Rollitt) J Balding 8-11	S Horsfall (7)	—
16	(4)		STEINOR (W Nilsen) D Lee 8-11	S Morris	—

BETTING: 5-4 Laughing Moon, 2-1 Baby Marie, 4-1 Governor's Harbour, 8-1 Amber Loch, 14-1 Jolly Vic, 20-1 French Polish, 25-1 others.

1986: ANUBI 8-11 W Carson (7-4 fav) L Cumani 10 ran

Results from yesterday's two meetings

Nottingham

Going: good to soft

1.30 (1m 50yd) 1, FUNNY SARAH (G King, 11-4 fav); 2, Miss Charming (N Gwilliam, 11-2); 3, Lama Breeze (J Carr, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 4 Frank The Bank, 11-2 Lady Homily (6th), 8 City Final (5th), 10 Shenley Romp, 16 Rockets Oak, 20 Pollan Bay (4th). 9 ran. NR: September Snap. 1½l, 4l, 1l, nk, ¾l. M Tompkins at Newmarket. Tote: £3.30; £1.10, £3.20, £3.00. DF: £14.20. CSF: £17.13. Tricast: £219.04. No bid.

2.0 (6f) 1, TAUSTAFF (Pat Eddery, 15-2); 2, Foolish Touch (M Wigham, 9-2 fav); 3, Restless Rhapsody (M Hills, 16-1); 4, Tania's Dad (B Rouse, 7-1). ALSO RAN: 10 Miss Runaway, 12 New Evidence, Run Little Lady, Tarango (5th), 14 Mrs Saugh, 16 Marimba, 20 Al-Torfanan, Always A Lady, Captain's Bidd, Cornchasm, Merrymoles, Notique, On The Record, Swiss Connection, 33 Airabella, Sudden Impact, Mont Artier, Security Pacific, Bleu Celeste, Rosie Dickins, Gem Of Gold (6th). 25 ran. NR: Young Jason. 2l, ¾l, 1l, 1l, nk. P Walwyn at Seven Barrows. Tote: £9.70; £2.10, £1.60, £9.40, £3.20. DF: £16.10. CSF: £42.42. Tricast: £505.36.

2.30 (6f) 1, FARRAS (M Roberts, 9-1); 2, Danthonia (Pat Eddery, 3-1 fav); 3, Red Dance (T Ives, 16-1); 4, Peacockpole (D Gibson, 25-1). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Prima Domina (6th), 11 Galandria, 14 Chiming Melody, Woodham Princess, 16 Glockenspiel, Laughing Home, 20 Dencia (5th), Hard To Stop, Madam Taylor, Olivers Maid, Saint Navarro, Tsangent, 25 Ela-Yianni-Mou, My Diamond Ring, 33 Benediction, Hinari Hi Fi, Harmony Park, Smokin Josie, Mistral Princess, Bloxwich Princess, Koo-Ming. 25 ran. 1l, hd, 1½l, sh hd, hd. A Stewart at Newmarket. Tote: £7.90; £1.90, £1.90, £3.10, £2.60. DF: £9.40. CSF: £36.82. Tricast: £415.81.

3.0 (1m 2f) 1, ROWLANDSONS TROPHY (R Fox, 8-1); 2, White Sapphire (S Cauthen, 3-1 jt-fav); 3, Kennerton Green (T Ives, 7-1). ALSO RAN: 3 jt-fav King William, 11-2 Royal Bank (4th), 8 Viceroy Melody, 9 Festival Fanfare (5th), 11 Ejay Haitch, 20 Eyeopener, 25 Lady Verdi, Peer Prince, 33 Alpha Bravo, Fort James, 50 Dreaming Star, Sharpford, Graeman Boy, Run Fee (6th), Nell's Advice, Jasmin Path, Connate. 20 ran. sh hd, sh hd, 4l, ½l, 2½l. A Ingham at Epsom. Tote: £9.80; £2.40, £2.10, £2.50. DF: £35.00. CSF: £35.45. After a stewards inquiry the placings remained unaltered.

3.30 (1m 2f) 1, MORASCO (S Cauthen, 5-1); 2, Surmise (R Cochrane, 8-1); 3, Palais De Danse (B Raymond, 25-1). ALSO RAN: 2 fav Nearlywed, 7 Castle Ward, 9 Jason's Quest, 10 Sharkskin Suit, 11 Glint Of Victory, 16 Winsid, 20 Bustle Along, Quessard, Somebody, Yaheeb (4th), 20 Young Grillie, 100 First Error (6th), Seek To Win, Shainan (pu), Royal Lace, Tino Reppin. 19 ran. 1l, nk, 1l, 1l, 4l. H Cecil at Newmarket. Tote: £5.50; £1.70, £1.60, £12.40. DF: £17.50. CSF: £32.75.

4.0 (1m 2f) 1, TURBINE BLADE (T Ives, 14-1); 2, Zizzie (Pat Eddery, 8-13 fav); 3, Alrazzi (R Hills, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 5 Genair, 12 Psalia (4th), 20 Bali Legend, Raahin (6th), 33 Final Trip, Niscara, Princess Sinam, 50 Pen Pal Princess (5th), Rowlandsons Gems, 100 Cheap Metal, Star Miller, Stavare, Breckland Gem. 16 ran. 1l, 1l, 6l, 4l, 8l. Mrs L Piggott at Newmarket. Tote: £14.50; £5.60 £1.10, £3.80. DF: £13.20. CSF: £22.53.

Placepot: £16.85.

Fakenham

Going: good to soft

1.45 (2m 80yd hdle) 1, Pronuptia Bride (A Carroll, 13-2); 2, Matelot Royale (4-1); 3, Fishing Smack (20-1). Lucky Blake 2-1 fav. 12 ran. ¾l, 8l. D Wintle. Tote: £5.40; £1.90, £2.10, £4.90. DF: £22.90. CSF: £35.09. Tricast: £468.88. Winner bought in for 2,100gns.

2.15 (2m 5f 110yd hdle) 1, Ickworth (Mr T Thomson Jones, 7-2); 2, Pagoda Girl (33-1); 3, Fragnito (6-1). Coleman Abbey 5-2 fav. 15 ran. 10l, ¾l. Mrs D Haine. Tote: £3.70 £1.20, £41.90, £1.70. DF (winner or second with any other horse): £1.40. CSF: £111.93.

2.45 (2m ch) 1, Schlesmer (M Perrett, 9-2); 2, Indian (11-2); 3, Fib (5-1). Spot The Patch 4-1 fav. 16 ran. nk, 15l. G Enright. Tote: £7.20; £2.90, £2.40, £2.20. DF: £57.00. CSF: £35.62.

3.15 (2m 80yd hdle) 1, Man O'Magic (P Croucher, 5-1); 2, Camden Belle (12-1); 3, Henry Geary Steels (8-1). Mesa Kid 100-30 fav. 11 ran. 1l, 3l. K Bailey. Tote: £4.30; £2.00, £4.40, £3.80. DF: £29.50. CSF: £63.19. Tricast: £449.91.

3.45 (2m 80yd hdle) 1, New Baby (G McCourt, 6-4 fav); 2, Tropical Boy (14-1); 3, Tartar Tertius (20-1). 14 ran. NR: Golden Topaz. 2½l, ¾l. A Bailey. Tote: £3.10; £1.90, £3.70, £9.00. DF: £20.00. CSF: £31.55.

4.15 (3m ch) 1, Woodburgh (M Bosley, 100-30); 2, Stubbs Daughter (9-4 fav); 3, Cetar (9-2). 10 ran. 4l, 8l. J Bosley. Tote: £3.90; £2.00, £1.80, £1.10. DF: £4.70. CSF: £12.32. Tricast: £32.95.
Placepot: £59.40

ATHLETICS

Coaches quit when united front is the way forward

By Pat Butcher, Athletics Correspondent

The moves towards unification, which are being rightly vaunted on all fronts in British athletics, have disguised a split in the most crucial area of the sport – coaching. Mike Smith, one of the most respected coaches in Britain, with athletes like Roger Black, Kriss Akabusi and Todd Bennett in his group, resigned last night as secretary of the Southern UK coaching committee, saying: "It's a great pity that at a time when we're talking about a federation, we should have a split whose motivation simply seems to be a power struggle."

Smith is joined in his resignation by Brian Hewson, the former middle distance international, who was chairman of the committee, and by Muriel Parker, the appeals secretary. The reason for their departure lies in a Southern Counties AAA decision to withdraw around £10,000 of next year's budget, and put it into a parallel group, headed by Mike Winch, the former international shot putter and International Athletes' Club representative.

The new body, called the coaching and athletes development committee, will be responsible for relations with elite athletes, an area says Winch which the original committee has been largely ignoring.

Smith maintains that relations with elite athletes was not part of their brief, and the areas which are now going to suffer are the grassroots and junior projects, so crucial to the future of the sport. This argument seems also to be one of the reasons for the recent resignation of David Johnson, one of the two national coaches for the south of England.

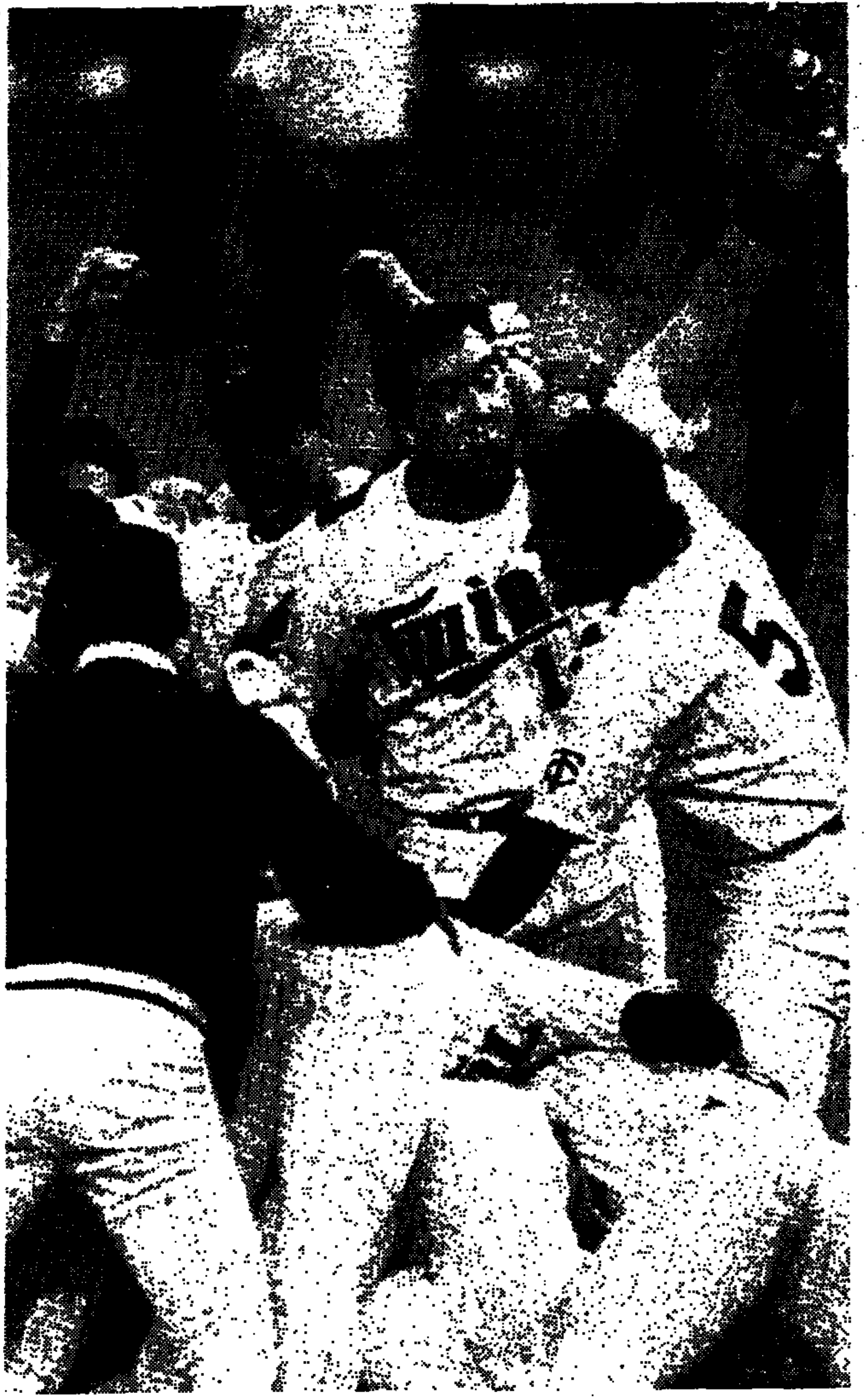
The remaining coach, Richard Simmons, said yesterday: "It's very upsetting that people with Mike Smith's experience are resigning. Several projects that have gone down well in the past have simply been scrapped. There should be real concern for the future of coaching in the south."

This embarrassing split, which seems to be a result of the IAC incursion onto the Southern Counties' committee, comes at an otherwise historic time – the announcement that the men's and women's AAAs will hold a joint championships on July 5-7 next year, which will also serve for Olympic selection.

Another federal move, but one which was forced by the IAAF – the selection of the combined British team for the world cross country championships next March – will be largely decided at a trial race in Gateshead on January 30.

Among the other decisions of the AAA general committee at the weekend was to propose that Britain applies to hold the 1990 world junior championships at Birmingham; and that the first indoor international at the new Kelvin Hall arena in Glasgow be a UK v France match on February 6.

Hooting for the man who has his state hitting fever pitch as it wins the big ball game



Piling on the ecstasy: the hostilities over, the festivities begin for the matchless Twins

Viola plays the sweetest music in all Minnesota

From Simon Barnes, Minneapolis

It was a uniquely American celebration. They didn't actually dance in the streets of Minneapolis but they had an incredibly jolly traffic jam. Every hooter in the city was blaring, people hung out of the car windows, loonies ran round in the traffic high-fiving everyone they could see; and they didn't get tired of it for hours.

The match ended at 10.30; at one in the morning the celebrations were still going on: with a Poop-poop! Twins! No. 1, yeah! The Lord of Misrule had taken over, people climbed up the traffic lights, bounced on car bonnets, rode on the roofs of buses, clambered on to shop awnings. The entire town was caught up in ecstasies of delight and the people who ran the restaurant I was in gave me a lift to my hotel because there was not a taxi to be had for love nor money.

What Hubert Humphrey couldn't do, what Walter Mondale couldn't do, was finally done by a bunch of baseball players that no one had given a chance to. Minnesota is not a state that wins things: it tends to come puffing up in second place, but not too worried, because it was what they had expected all along.

This is the state that shrugs and says: "Whatever." This is a classic Minnesota expression and it implies a stance of philosophical resignation: "I'm going to have to replace all the wiring. It ain't going to be cheap." "Whatever."

They are very good at fishing in all the lakes around here and are much better than New Yorkers at catching walleyed pike. But winning big ball games? It never happens here.

But on Sunday, in a game of white-knuckle baseball, Minnesota Twins won the final game of the World Series for a victory over the St Louis Cardinals by four games to three and, on the night, by a stomach-churning four runs to two. It was not a night of exuberant hitting: it was a night of scrambling and hoping and praying that the arm and the nerve of the pitcher held good.

The pitcher for the Twins was Frankie "Sweet Music" Viola. He had joined the Twins five years ago, the year that a band of the Twins stalwarts came into the side: Hrbek, Gaetti, Brunansky, Laudener and Bush: the Class of 82. In their first season they lost 102 games, the most the club had lost since moving from Washington in 1961.

But they improved. The following season they lost only 92 games. They improved again in 1984, coming second in the west division, and then went backwards again, losing 176 games in two seasons. This is the Twins they're used to here: that is why the celebrations were so long, so incredulous and so saintly innocent.

Viola was a pretty talented pitcher when he joined the club but no good in a crisis. When things got sticky Viola got rattled and if there is one thing that batters love it is a rattled pitcher. That is why pitchers become such grim and forbidding men: "When things went wrong, I'd show my emotions," Viola said. "That would hurt both me and my team mates."

In the second inning of the crucial game on Sunday night Viola went wrong again: he conceded four hits from which the Cardinals scampered in two runs. Once again the Twins looked a beaten side. But throughout the next six innings Viola was a man possessed. No one could lay bat on ball: he conceded just two hits in those innings and no runs at all.

As the Twins struggled and lurched to a 3-2 lead Viola kept hammering the ball in over the plate. In the end he was given the series' Most Valuable Player award for his near-perfect pitching in games one and seven, his defeat in St Louis being set aside. "Incredible," he said. "We've come so far since 82 it's unbelievable."

No one had really believed in their hearts that the Twins could manage this win: hence the insane celebrations. Go to New York for some peace and quiet and sanity. Minneapolis is off its bonce.

Being a sucker for the underdogs can be hard going. It means you back a lot of slow horses, cheer for a lot of losers, seek in vain for the spirit of Pak Doo Ik in every band of no-hopers. Whatever.

When the final out was recorded on Sunday night the decibel meter hit 120 and those who were silent were either men of iron or of St Louis. It was one of the great emotional occasions of sport.

Sixth game

	Score by innings	R	H	E
St Louis	110 210 000	5	11	2
Minnesota	200 044 01X	11	15	0

Winning pitcher: Schatzeder. Losing pitcher: Tudor

Home runs: Minnesota: Baylor, Hrbek.

Seventh game

	Score by innings	R	H	E
St Louis	020 000 000	2	6	1
Minnesota	010 011 01X	4	10	0

Winning Pitcher: F Viola. Losing Pitcher: D Cox

R = runs H = hits E = errors

OVERSEAS FOOTBALL

Cup shock for Cologne

By Simon O'Hagan

Cup competitions on the Continent rarely generate the excitement of the English FA Cup, but there was an exception in West Germany at the weekend when an amateur team, **Viktoria Aschaffenburg**, joined the ranks of the giant-killers by beating **Cologne**, the first division leaders, 1-0.

Tony Woodcock, Cologne's English forward, was lucky enough not to be playing, but three German internationals were – Engels, Littbarski and Allofs – as well as the Dane, Poulsen. Their efforts were not enough to stop Aschaffenburg winning with a goal seven minutes from time by a restaurant owner, Uwe Höfer. The local league side contained eight ex-professionals, whom Cologne, according to their manager, Christoph Daum, "did not take seriously." And it was Daum's 34th birthday, too.

In the Italian League, **Napoli** achieved an unlikely result at **Roma** where they had two men sent off, trailed 1-0 but came back to force a 1-1 draw. Pruzzo had put Roma ahead just after half-time before Careca, the Brazilian, and Renica were dismissed. Maradona, looking leaner and fitter after his rest-cure, led the recovery, Francini equalizing in the 67th minute.

Ian Rush continues to struggle. "I am the problem," he said after his **Juventus** team had lost 2-1 to **Inter-Milan**, both Inter's goals coming from Serena, the man Juventus sold last season to make way for Rush. "Juventus is the widow of Platini," was the view of the Inter vice-president, Giuseppe Prisco.

Gary Lineker's fortunes, however, took a turn for the better. He scored his first goal of the season, although **Barcelona** could only draw 2-2 at home to **Real Mallorca**. So far the post-Venables Barcelona has achieved very little. **Real Madrid** go rampantly on, winning 4-0 against **Valencia**, a team managed by Alfredo di Stefano, the star of Real's triumphant era in the 50s.

Monaco opened up their lead at the top of the French League to four points, Hoddle laying on one of the goals in their 2-1 win over **Nantes**. Mo Johnston was Nantes's scorer.

RESULTS FROM OVERSEAS LEAGUES

ARGENTINIAN: Union de Santa Fe 1, Independiente 1 (suspended after 87 minutes); San Lorenzo de Almagro 1, Racing de Cordoba 0; Banfield 2, Platense 2; Boca Juniors 1, Newell's Old Boys 5; Talleres de Cordoba 2, Gimnasia y Esgrima 2; Racing Club 2, Argentinos Juniors 2; Ferro Carril Oeste 1, Instituto de Cordoba 0; Estudiantes de La Plata 1, River Plate 1; Rosario Central 1, Deportivo Espanol 1; Deportivo Armenio 0, Velez Sarsfield 0. Leading positions: 1, Racing Club, played 10, points 16; 2, San Lorenzo, 10, 15; equal 3, Newell's Old Boys and Deportivo Espanol, 10, 14.

AUSTRIAN: Vienna 3, VfB Moedling 1; Austria Klagenfurt 2, VOEST Linz 1; Swarovski Tirol, 1 Vienna Sportclub 1; GAK 1, Admira/Wacker 0; LASK 1, Rapid 3; Austria Vienna 2, Sturm Graz 0. Leading positions: 1, Rapid, 17, 31; 2, GAK, 17, 23.

BELGIAN: Waterschei 1, Royal Antwerp 5; Anderlecht 0, St Truiden 1; Beerschot 2, Racing Jet Brussels 0; Waregem 2, Kortrijk 1; Racing White Daring Molenbeek 0, Mechelen 1; Liege 4, Sporting Charleroi 2; Bruges 2, Lokeren 1; La Gantoise 1, Standard Liege 0. Leading positions: 1, Antwerp, 12, 19; 2, Bruges, 12, 18; 3, Mechlin, 12, 18.

BRAZILIAN: Fluminense 2, Vasco 0; Corinthians 0, Palmeira 0; Bahia 0, Santa Cruz 0; Goias 1, Coritiba 1.

BULGARIAN: Vitosha 5, Lokomotiv Plovdiv 1; Pirin 1, Lokomotiv Sofia 1; Slavia 4, Vratsa 1; Chernomorets 0, Trakia 3; Beroe 3, Minyor 1; Sliven 3, Etur 2; CFKA Sredets 5, Spartak 1; Lokomotiv Gorna Oryahovitsa 2, Spartak Varna 0. Leading positions: 1, CFKA Sredets, 10, 17; 2, Vitosha, 10, 16; 3, Slavia, 10, 16.

CZECHOSLOVAK: Sparta Praha 5, Dukla Banska Bystrica 1; Dukla Praha 4, Tatran Presov 1; Banik Ostrava 1, Slavia Praha 1; Sigma Olomouc 1, RH Cheb 0; Spartak Trnava 1, Bohemians Praha 0; Spartak Hradec Kralove 0, DAC Dunajska Streda 3; Plastika Nitra 2, ZVL Zilina 0; Inter Slovnaft ZTS 3, TJ Vitkovice 1. Leading positions: 1, Sparta, 10, 18; 2, DAC Dunajska Streda, 10, 14; 3, Sigma Olomouc, 10, 13.

DUTCH: PEC Zwolle 1, Twente Enschede 2; AZ Alkmaar 1, Sparta Rotterdam 1; Groningen 1, DS'79 Dordrecht 1; Volendam 0, Fortuna Sittard 2; Den Bosch 1, Roda JC Kerkrade 0; Willem II 1, Utrecht 0. Leading positions: 1, PSV Eindhoven, 10, 20; 2, Fortuna, 12, 16; 3, Ajax Amsterdam, 11, 15.

FRENCH: Toulouse 0, Auxerre 0; Paris St Germain 0, Metz 2; Niort 1, Marseille 0; Monaco 2, Nantes 1; Cannes 3, Matra Racing 1; Bordeaux 1, Saint-Etienne 0; Toulon 3, Brest 0; Lille 0, Laval 0; Le Havre 0, Lens 1; Montpellier 4, Nice 1. Leading positions: 1, Monaco, 16, 24; 2, Bordeaux, 16, 21; 3, Nantes, 16, 19.

HUNGARIAN: Ujpest Dozsa 4, Bekescsaba 0; Budapest Honved 1, Raba Eto 0; PECS MSC 1, ZTE 0; Videoton 2, Ferencvaros 2; Siofok 3, Kaposvar 1; MTK VM 3, Haladas 2; Vac Izzo 4, Tatabanya 0; Debrecen 2, Vasas 1. Leading positions: 1, Ujpest Dozsa, 10, 17; 2, Raba Eto, 10, 15; 3, PECS MSC, 10, 14.

LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Derry City 0, Shelbourne 0; Galway United, 1 Dundalk 0; St Patrick's Athletic 1, Shamrock Rovers 1; Sligo Rovers 0, Cork City 2; Waterford United 1, Bray Wanderers 1.

ITALIAN: Avellino 1, Cesena 1; Como 3, Ascoli 1; Empoli 0, Pisa 1; Internazionale 2, Juventus 1; Pescara 0, Sampdoria 0; Roma 1, Napoli 1; Torino 2, Fiorentina 1; Verona 0, Milan 1. Leading positions: 1, Napoli, 6, 11; 2, Roma, 6, 8; 3, Milan, 6, 8.

POLISH: Slask Wroclaw 4, Baltyk Gdynia 2; Jagiellonia Bialystok 2, Gornik Walbrzych 0; Szombierki Bytom 4, Pogon Szczecin 2; Lech Poznan 0, Zaglebie Lubin 2; Lechia Gdansk 1, Legia Warszawa 1; GKS Katowice 2, Widzew Lodz 2; Stal Stalowa Wola 0, Gornik Zabrze 3; LKS Lodz 3, Olimpia Poznan 2. Leading positions: 1, Gornik Zabrze, 12, 21; 2, LKS Lodz, 12, 19; 3, Slask Wroclaw, 12, 17.

PORTUGUESE: Sporting Braga 2, Vitoria Setubal 2; Espinho 1, Farense 0; Rio Ave 2, Academica 1; Penafiel 0, Benfica 1; Salgueiros 2, Belenenses 0; Chaves 3, Guimaraes 1; Elvas 1, Boavista 2; Sporting 1, Varzim 2; Maritimo 0, Porto 2; Portimonense 1, Covilha 0.

SPANISH: Real Valladolid 1, Athletic Bilbao 0; Celta 4, Cadiz 1; Real Betis 1, Logrones 1; Barcelona 2, Real Mallorca 2; Real Murcia 2, Sabadell 0; Real Sociedad 0, Atletico Madrid 0; Real Madrid 4, Valencia 0; Sporting 1, Espanol 2; Real Zaragoza 0, Sevilla 1; Osasuna 2, Las Palmas 1. Leading positions: 1, Real Madrid, 8, 16; 2, Atletico Madrid, 7, 10; 3, Celta, 8, 10.

SWISS: Basle 3, Sion 1; St Gallen 1, Neuchatel Xamax 3; Young Boys Berne 1, Aarau 2; FC Zurich 4, Bellinzona 2; Lucerne 2, Grasshopper Zurich 1. Leading positions: 1, Neuchatel Xamax, 16, 21; 2, Aarau, 16, 21; 3, Grasshopper Zurich, 16, 20.

WEST GERMAN (CUP): Kaiserslautern 4, Blau-Weiss Berlin 3; Werder Bremen 1, Hamburg SV 3; Karlsruhe 1, Nuremberg 1; Viktoria Aschaffenburg 1, Cologne 0; Eintracht Frankfurt 3, SSV Ulm 0; TSG Giengen 1, Bochum 2; Hertha Berlin 1, Bayer Uerdingen 2; FSV Salmrohr (amateurs) 0, Borussia Dortmund 1; Bayern Munich 2, Borussia Mönchengladbach 2.

YUGOSLAV: Vardar Skopje 2, Zeljeznicar Sarajevo 0; Osijek 1, Vojvodina Novi Sad 1; Sutjeska Niksic 1, Buducnost Titograd 1; Sloboda Tuzla 3, Pristina 0; Radnicki Nis 2, Rijeka 1; Red Star Belgrade 1, Celik Zenica 0; Partizan Belgrade 2, Dynamo Zagreb 1; Hajduk Split 5, Sarajevo 1; Rad Belgrade 2, Velez Mostar 2. Leading positions: 1, Dynamo Zagreb, 12, 15; 2, Red Star Belgrade, 12, 15; 3, Velez Mostar, 12, 15.

SKIING

New style for the World Cup

Paris (AFP) – The World Cup begins in Italy next month with a new format designed to give everyone a chance of winning and not just the slalom specialists. Every race will count for this year's overall and individual event titles. In the past only the five best results were taken into consideration.

One downhill is added to the men's programme, which is three races lighter this Olympic year, while the women gain two downhills but lose four races all-told. The men will race 10 downhills, eight slaloms, six giant slaloms, four super giants, one parallel slalom and two combineds (at Kitzbuehel and Aare).

MEN'S CALENDAR: **November:** 27-29 Sestriere (Italy), Slalom, super giant. **December:** 6: Val d'Isere (France), downhill; 12: Val Gardena (Italy), downhill; 13: Alta Badia (Italy), giant Slalom; 15: Madonna di Campiglio (Italy), slalom; 19-20: Kranjska Gora (Yugoslavia), slalom, giant slalom; 31: Schladming (Austria), downhill. **January:** 5: Bad Wiessee (West Germany), slalom; 9-10: Garmisch-Partenkirchen (West Germany), downhill, super giant; 16-17: Kitzbuhel (Austria), downhill, slalom; 19: Adelboden (Switzerland), giant slalom; 23-24: Wengen (Switzerland), downhill, super giant; 30-31: Chamonix-Morzine (France), downhill, giant slalom. **March:** 5-6: Whistler Mountain (Canada), downhill, giant slalom; 12-13: Vail-Beaver Creek (USA), downhill, giant slalom; 19-20: Aare (Sweden), downhill, slalom; 22: Oppdal (Norway), slalom; 26-27: Saalbach (Austria), slalom, super giant, parallel slalom.

WOMEN'S CALENDAR: **November:** 26-28: Sestriere (Italy), slalom, super giant; 30: Courmayeur (Italy), slalom; **December:** 4-5: Val d'Isere (France), 2: downhill; 11-13: Leukerbad (Switzerland), downhill, slalom, super giant; 19-20: Piancavallo (Italy), slalom, giant slalom. **January:** 5: Megeve (France), giant slalom; 9-10: Les Diablerets (Switz), downhill, giant slalom; 15-16: Pfronten (West Germany), downhill, super giant; 17: Lenggries (West Germany), slalom; 23-24: Badgastein (Austria), downhill, slalom; 30-31: Maribor (Yugoslavia), slalom, giant slalom. **March:** 4-6: Aspen (USA), downhill, slalom, giant slalom; 12-13: Rossland (Canada), downhill, super giant; 24-27: Saalbach (Austria), downhill, giant slalom, parallel slalom.

Improving sporting facilities in East London

Walthamstow development

By John Goodbody

The London Playing Fields Society, which owns four sites in the metropolitan area, yesterday launched an appeal for £500,000 to develop a centre in Walthamstow.

When complete the 34-acre Douglas Eyre Playing Field, which has been owned by the society since 1909, will have: two modern pavilions; 11 football pitches, one floodlit; a rugby pitch; a hockey pitch; three cricket squares, two of them artificial; a floodlit multi-games area; eight cricket nets and three six-lane running tracks.

The total cost of the redevelopment will be £1.6 million. The Football Trust has contributed £250,000 towards the scheme. The Sports Council has already given £50,000 with another £150,000 committed. Some £250,000 will be raised by selling an unused three-quarters of an acre for housing and there is the prospect of £400,000 from several sources, including the Sports Council, if the society's first public appeal for 60 years, for the remaining £500,000, is successful.

When the scheme is complete, the Sports Council may also want to support the building of an indoor ball court for coaching and training throughout the year.

The appeal was launched yesterday by its president, Field-Marshall The Lord Bramall, Lord Lieutenant of Greater London. Sebastian Coe, the vice-chairman of the Sports Council, said that the site was readily accessible so that people living in the inner-City area could benefit from the facilities.

There is a particular need for the new changing facilities as the present pavilions have become dilapidated after regular use since the ground was acquired 78 years ago. A total of 43,316 people used the playing field last year, of whom 34,452 were schoolchildren or members of boys' club teams.

ICE HOCKEY

Fife Flyers outpoint Redskins

By a Special Correspondent

Fife Flyers, playing three-line hockey throughout, cruised to a comfortable 10-3 victory over Streatham Redskins, with Fred Perlini scoring four goals for the winners, in the first full weekend of Heineken League fixtures.

Murrayfield Racers had to fight much harder for their away victory over the resurgent Solihull Barrons, who led 3-2 in the first period thanks to three goals from Peter Smith, who later added a fourth and, for once, over-shadowed the Midlanders' high-scoring imports. The following night, on home ice, Racers had an easier time against Nottingham Panthers, who were reduced to one import player when Dave Ducharme injured an arm.

Like Panthers, Streatham Redskins had a pointless weekend in Scotland, despite the seven goals scored by Kurt Wickenheiser for the South Londoners in the 12-10 defeat by Dundee Rockets.

Durham Wasps went down 11-9 to Whitley Warriors. Mark Reade scored four times for Wasps, who led 8-7 late in the game and were level 9-9 with six minutes left. Warriors' win, following their 12-7 success away to Peterborough Pirates, who have never won a home game in the premier division, suggests that the North-east may have more than one contender for major honours this season.

Tim Salmon and Kevin Conway, reunited for the first time since their record-breaking days at Ayr two seasons ago, made a remarkable start to their first division careers with Telford Tigers. In Tigers' victories over Cardiff Devils and Richmond Flyers, the two Canadians combined to score 27 goals.

RESULTS: Premier division: Ayr Bruins 6, Nottingham Panthers 5; Fife Flyers 10, Streatham Redskins 3; Peterborough Pirates 7, Whitley Warriors 12; Solihull Barrons 8, Murrayfield Racers 10; Dundee Rockets 12, Streatham Redskins 10; Murrayfield Racers 13, Nottingham Panthers 3; Whitley Warriors 11, Durham Wasps 9.

First division: Cleveland Bombers 21, Sunderland Chiefs 5; Medway Bears 11, Richmond Flyers 2; Slough Jets 13, Swindon Wildcats 4; Telford Tigers 11, Cardiff Devils 6; Deeside Dragons 8, Glasgow Eagles 4; Kirkcaldy Kestrels 10, Aviemore Blackhawks 3; Lee Valley Lions 2, Medway Bears 18; Richmond Flyers 3, Telford Tigers 25; Southampton Vikings 10, Cardiff Devils 5; Trafford Metros 9, Cleveland Bombers 3.

HOCKEY

Plans develop for National League

By Sydney Friskin

All first division matches in the National League, which is due to start on October 15 next year, will be played on artificial turf. The event, in two divisions of 16 clubs each for which sponsorship is being sought by the Hockey Association, will take place on 15 Saturdays during the season and all clubs in the league will be allowed direct entry into the third round of the Hockey Association Cup.

Initial qualification for the National League will be based on premier division placings in the regional leagues at the end of the present season. Of the 10 teams in the premier division of the London League, for instance, the first five will qualify for the first division of the National League and those positioned from six to eight for the second division. The complete structure of the National League, for which a promotion and relegation system is being devised, is as follows:

First division: London (5), South (3), North (3), East (2), Midlands (2) and West (1). Second division: London (3), South (3), North (2), East (3), Midlands (3) and West (2).

Northern division play-offs on Sunday led to Bradford, Ramgharia, Sheffield and Whitehaven qualifying for the first round of the Hockey Association Cup, which starts this Sunday.

RESULTS: Bradford 5, Harrogate 1; Sheffield 2, Ramgharia 3; Sheffield 8, Harrogate 0; Whitehaven 1, Carlisle 0.

HA CUP (revised draw): First round: North: Darlington v Warrington; Vikings (IOM) v Ben Rhydding; Brooklands v Wigan; Tynedale v Liverpool Sefton; Wakefield v Swalwell; Norton v Sunderland; Preston v Ramgharia; Southport v Alderley Edge; Sheffield v Bowdon; Walton v Bradford; Neston v Hightown; Doncaster v Whitehaven. Midlands: Barford Tigers v Stourport.

● Suzanne Davis has been appointed to the newly created post of publicity and marketing officer for the Hockey Association. Miss Davis was previously director of public relations with Tiphook plc, the international transportation group.

VOLLEYBALL

Crucial match to provide an early guide

Malory and Spark, both unbeaten at the top of the men's first division of the Royal Bank English League, meet in London tomorrow night in a match that will provide an indicator as to who will set the early pace in the championship (a Special Correspondent writes).

With reigning champions Speedwell Rucanor having already lost two matches, any advantage at this stage of the season would be useful, but John Nash, the Malory coach, is aware that it is early days.

"It will be difficult for Speedwell, having lost twice, as they still have some tough away matches but there's still a long way to go," he said yesterday. "I don't think we're favourites at this stage but the winners of today's match will have a little pressure taken off them."

Malory are without Phil Bone, who has an injured ankle, but the English Cup holders have ample depth and should have the resources to take the points. Nash has set his sights on Europe and if Malory do go on to win the title for the first time then the London club will almost certainly play in Europe next term.

Speedwell declined the chance to play in the European Champions' Cup this year due to the expense involved and Britain's only representatives will be the Scottish champions, MIM Livingston.

TRIATHLON

Wells dictates throughout to claim title

Nice – Richard Wells, a former international swimmer from New Zealand, won the world title after leading a field of 905 athletes from 23 countries throughout (a Special Correspondent writes). But the women's race was a disappointment for Colleen Cannon, from the United States, as, after setting the pace for most of the way, she was overtaken by Kirsten Hanssen, her compatriot, in the last few yards.

Wells set a cracking pace in the 3-kilometre swim, to lead Robin Brew, of Great Britain, by over a minute. Although he was caught on the 120-kilometre, hilly, cycling course through the Alpes Maritimes, upon which many athletes came to grief on the fast, slippery descent, Wells paced himself to perfection to complete the final 20-mile run some eight minutes ahead of Scott Tinley, of the United States, in a total time of 5hr 59min 22sec. To the delight of the partisan crowd, Herve Niquet, of France, came from nowhere to snatch third place.

RESULTS: Men: 1, R Wells (NZ), 5hr 59min 52sec; 2, S Tinley (US), 6:07:23; 3, H Niquet (Fr), 6:10:20. Women: 1, K Hanssen (US), 5:54:27; 2, C Cannon (US), 6:56:03; 3, N Fraser (Aus), 6:56:35.

BASKETBALL

A delayed registration which proved costly

By Nicholas Harling

The suspicion that the Scottish club, **MIM Livingston**, might be able to take advantage of English clubs suffering fixture congestion, because of commitments in Europe, has been slightly eroded, for the time being at least.

The moral of Livingston's suprise 105-94 reverse at **Drapers Tools Solent Stars** on Saturday must be that if you sack one American, make sure that you get his replacement in time for the next match. Livingston who dismissed their seven foot centre, Scott Thompson, after their one previous Carlsberg League defeat a fortnight ago at Calderdale, had already lined up the 6ft 8in Thomas Collier to take his place. The trouble was that Collier, the top rebounder in the Continental Basketball Association last season, did not arrive in time to be registered for a game that Livingston must have fancied they would win in any case.

In the event Livingston led only once, 57-55 but then an 11-point spread from Solent regained an advantage the home side were not to relinquish. The inspiration for victory was provided by the two outstanding Americans that Mark Saiers, their coach, recruited from the University of New Mexico, where he once studied. Neither Smith, the guard, who was responsible for 38 points nor Brown, who scored 20, could be surpressed as the Scots slipped off the top of the table.

The appearance of **Kingston** in pole position is nothing new but they had to struggle to beat **Sunderland** 103-97 after finding themselves 48-46 down at half-time on Wearside.

Like Kingston, **Sharp Manchester United** face a gruelling programme of six matches in Europe before January 19, after last week's Korac Cup triumph in Manresa, but unlike Kingston, United have a powerful reinforcement to bring in on the domestic front.

Jim Dolan, was signed too late to be eligible for Europe but once again the American justified his coach Joe Whelton's assertion that he would be all the fresher for league duties, by top-scoring with 22 points in the 85-67 victory at **Bolton**.

RUGBY UNION

Thompson's show of pace and power

Schools rugby by Michael Stevenson

Silcoates 24
Dulwich College 3

Dulwich found Silcoates in formidable form yesterday, going down in a hard but sometimes scrappy contest by four goals to a penalty.

Hague adroitly caught a high kick and fed Thompson, who stormed over for Eddie to convert; a penalty by Howland followed but Silcoates' interval lead of 12-3 resulted from a lovely break and precise pass by D Wolff who handed on for Thompson to give the scoring pass to Bennett.

Early in the second half, it was even more apparent that Silcoates were well in command; Forward caught yet another missed touch kick and Miles-Langley, Hague and A Wolff handled well before Thompson scored again, adding a third try.

SCORERS: Silcoates: Tries: Thompson (3) Bennett. Conversions: Eddie (4) Dulwich College: Penalty: Howland.

SILCOATES R Thompson; A Bennett, A Wolff, M Harrison, D Wolff; J Appleyard, D Eddie; N Petherbridge, D Forward, J Miles-Langley, N Hague, D Harker, N Wharl, A Ezulike (rep: A. Helliwell), H Joannou.

DULWICH COLLEGE: J Howland, U Mbana Zua, J Downer, A Thorogood, A O'Brien; J Pearce, J Costello; K Daniels, M Sharp, D Dowdell, A Pearse, J Beckett, T Blythe, G Nicholson, J Overall.

Referee: A. Hockney (Yorkshire Society)

Eight goals make it a weekend to savour

By Joyce Whitehead

Jane Swinnerton, of Staffordshire, made her mark in two women's events at the weekend. Playing for the President's XI against Ealing on Saturday, in a game to celebrate the club's centenary, she scored two goals in her side's 4-0 win and on Sunday, in two county championship matches, she found the net on six occasions.

Although always under pressure from the high-powered President's XI, the Ealing goalkeeper, Sue Lawrie, gave a creditable performance and the effort and enthusiasm of the whole team made it a memorable occasion. Karen Brown and Margaret Souyave were the other scorers.

The National County Championship got under way on Sunday in two territories. At Hove, Surrey beat Sussex by the only goal, scored by Karen Brown, while Buckinghamshire took their chances to beat Hampshire 2-0 at Southampton. Hampshire played the ball around well, only to fade in front of goal. Oxfordshire's goalkeeper performed splendidly at Feltham to hold Middlesex goalless in the first half. But afterwards Stother, Frost and Gallyer scored for Middlesex, Susan Brown replying for Oxfordshire.

Staffordshire, the holders, made a splendid start, recording two good wins by scoring seven goals without reply at Bedford. They beat Bedfordshire 3-0 and Shropshire 4-0. Shropshire and Bedfordshire, in fact, failed to score in two matches. Nottinghamshire against Shropshire finished 0-0 but Elizabeth Fletcher and Linda Nicholl were on target as Nottinghamshire beat Bedfordshire 2-0.

Leicestershire were well on top in the first half against Worcestershire, but their defence was shaky and almost at panic stations by the end and they just held on to win 4-3.

Elizabeth Stirling and Barbara Hambly forced goals for Warwickshire against a good Northamptonshire defence and Joan Lewis, the England under-21 player and Lesley Watson gave Derbyshire a 2-0 win over Northamptonshire, who fell away badly in the second half against Warwickshire and lost 0-1.

Sunday's Winchester tournament, with eight teams, was won by Southampton with Havant in second place.

POOLS FORECAST by Paul Newman

Saturday October 31 unless stated

FIRST DIVISION

X Charlton v Southampton
1 Chelsea v Oxford
1 Derby v Coventry
2 Man U v Nottingham F
2 Newcastle v Arsenal
2 Norwich v QPR
1 Portsmth v Sheffield W
1 Tottenham v Wimbledon
X Watford v West Ham
Not on coupons: Liverpool v Everton (Sunday)

SECOND DIVISION

1 A Villa v Reading
1 Barnsley v Stoke
2 Bournemouth v Ipswich
1 Bradford v C Palace
2 Huddersfld v Millwall
1 Leicester v Blackburn
1 Middlesbro v Shrwsbry
1 Oldham v Birmingham
X Plymouth v Hull
X Sheffield U v Leeds
1 Swindon v Man C

THIRD DIVISION

1 Brentford v Bristol R
1 Bristol C v Fulham
X Doncaster v Bury
2 Grimsby v Brighton
1 Mansfield v Blackpool
X Notts Co v Sunderland
X Port Vale v Gillingham
X Preston v Chester
1 Wigan v Rotherham
1 York v Chesterfield
Not on coupons: Aldershot v Northampton; Southend v Walsall (Friday)

FOURTH DIVISION

1 Bolton v Swansea
1 Burnley v Stockport
1 Cardiff v Rochdale
1 Crewe v Carlisle
1 Hartlepool v Scunthorpe
2 Hereford v Exeter
1 Leyton O v Halifax
X Peterboro v Torquay
X Wrexham v Scarboro
Not on coupons: Colchester v Darlington (Friday); Tranmere v Cambridge United (Friday); Wolves v Newport

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE

2 Caernarfon v Frickley
2 Gainsboro v Morecambe
2 Gateshead v Rhyl
X Hyde v Southport

SCOTTISH PREMIER

X Aberdeen v Celtic
1 Dundee U v St Mirren
X Falkirk v Hibernian
1 Hearts v Dundee
1 Morton v Dunfermline
1 Rangers v Motherwell

SCOTTISH FIRST

1 Airdrie v Clydebank
1 Clyde v Raith
2 Dumbarton v Hamilton
X East Fife v Partick
1 Forfar v Q of Sth
1 Kilmarnock v Mdwbnk

SCOTTISH SECOND

1 Albion v Stenhousemuir
1 Ayr v St Johnstone
1 Brechin v Alloa
Not on coupons: Cowdenbeath v East Stirling; Queen's Park v Arbroath; Stirling v Montrose; Stranraer v Berwick.

TREBLE CHANCE (home teams): Charlton, Watford, Plymouth, Sheffield United, Doncaster, Notts County, Port Vale, Preston, Peterborough, Wrexham, Hyde, Aberdeen.

BEST DRAWS: Sheffield United, Port Vale, Preston, Wrexham, Aberdeen.

AWAYS: Arsenal, Millwall, Exeter, Morecambe, Hamilton.

HOMES: Tottenham, Aston Villa, Middlesbrough, Brentford, Wigan, Bolton, Burnley, Cardiff, Crewe, Leyton Orient, Hearts, Rangers.

FIXED ODDS: Homes: Aston Villa, Middlesbrough, Burnley, Crewe, Rangers. Aways: Arsenal, Millwall, Exeter. Draws: Charlton, Sheffield United, Oldham.

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YACHTING

Wit and wisdom of a wily sailor

By Barry Pickthall

Cudmore and the America's Cup by Malcolm McKeag (Kingswood Press, £12.95)

Harold Cudmore is the highly successful Irish offshore racing skipper whose wit and sharp tongue have won him admirers and enemies in equal number. A new biography, to be published next week, on this colourful yachtsman and his so far unsuccessful forays for the America's Cup will undoubtedly add to the list of detractors – particularly among the Royal Thames Yacht Club, under whose burgee the Irishman headed the last of Britain's ill-fated assaults for the "Auld Mug".

It was a campaign marred by lack of funds, sailing time – and, according to Cudmore, open hostility from members of the syndicate's own promoting club. In this book, written by fellow Irishman Malcolm McKeag, Cudmore roundly accuses the club's affluent and influential city members of failing to support the Crusader syndicate during the early stages, when a solid front was essential to attract the sponsorship money that came too late.

The book claims that three members in particular – John Foot, John Maddocks and Stephen James – masterminded an attempt to close the campaign down, apparently because it was felt it was going to be ill-prepared and its performance in Fremantle unlikely to bring the club any credit.

If this is the case, they were proved right of course, but as the book rightly points out, a more positive attitude from the outset might well have encouraged the necessary finance.

Cudmore is also disparaging about his earlier America's Cup boss, Peter de Savary. According to Cudmore, de Savary's best idea is always his last one. "His principle inability is to make long-term plans and have the consistency of view to see them through."

McKeag adds the rider that . . . "it is unlikely that Cudmore would want to have a great deal to do with another Peter de Savary campaign which is probably just as well. There is every indication that between the two men, feelings are mutual," thus dispelling the illusion that Britain's White Horse challenge (at least, with Cudmore) will ever *join* forces with de Savary's present Blue Arrow Cup challenge.

A book filled with anecdotes, humour and cutting phrases, and well worth a read.

Keats secures her place

Ann Keats (*née* Fryer), who gave up high level laser racing three years ago, has returned to the international scene in triumphant style. With three convincing wins out of four races at the women's selection trials at Hollyhead Sailing Club she has qualified for a place in the British team to the women's world championships in Brazil in February. Also sailing for Britain, in the 470 class, will be Debbie Jarvis and crew Sue Hay.

PROVISIONAL OVERALL RESULTS: 470 class: 1, D Jarvis and S Hay; 2, C and P Egin; 3, S Stodel and J Blake; 4, D Fewtrell and T Jordan. Laser class: 1, A Keats; 2, C Brookes; 3, S Robertson; 4, N Ponsford.

GOLF

Reid can rest easy at the head of affairs

From John Hennessy
La Manga, Spain

Dale Reid, of Scotland, arrived at this Mediterranean golfing Mecca after a 17-hour journey from London. She will hardly be in the best condition for the last tournament of the season, the Qualitair Spanish women's Open starting today, but fortunately she will have to do little more than go through the motions in order to confirm her place at the head of the Woolmark Order of Merit and so claim a bonus of £6,000 to add to the £51,565 she has already amassed.

Last year, Laura Davies, the United States Open champion, stormed past Lotta Neumann, of Sweden, here to take first prize, but the task this time seems beyond her. Supposing Miss Davies were to win here, Miss Reid would still only have to be among the 40 players who survive the 36-hole cut to maintain her lead. The sheer improbability of that may be gauged from the fact that her lowest placing in the last 15 tournaments is 11th.

A number of players are vying for third place in the Order of Merit, carrying not only a bonus of £2,000 but also a coveted place in the Dinah Shore tournament in Palm Springs next April. They include Trish Johnson, a former England amateur champion, and Marie-Laure Taya, who led the individual placings for France in the World Amateur Team Championsip.

These two have a private issue to settle, as they did at Moor Park on Sunday, when Miss Johnson beat Mrs Taya in the final of the Woolmark Match Play Championship. That left the English player £140 ahead in the tussle for leading newcomer of the year.

The tournament has been confined to 54 holes to allow for a pro-am on Friday.

FOOTBALL

FA Cup draw puts Docherty back into the spotlight

By Paul Newman

Wigan Athletic and **Hereford United**, who in the 1970s were two of non-League football's most feared FA Cup giant-killers, could find the tables reversed on them next month. In this season's first round, for which the draw was made yesterday, Wigan will travel to Altrincham, who in the last nine seasons have knocked out nine League sides, and Hereford will go to Barnet, currently recognized as the best team in the semi-professional game.

The draw provides a prompt return to the national spotlight for Tommy Docherty, who was appointed manager for Altrincham only a month ago. He will have to be at his inspirational best, however, if he is to maintain the club's Cup tradition. Altrincham, thirteenth in the GM Vauxhall Conference, have lost three of their seven games under his charge.

"We are very much a middle of the table team," he admitted yesterday. "We've suffered from injuries, but we haven't even really got the nucleus of a good side. I want to sign two or three new players as soon as possible.

"Having said that, we could still do well in the Cup, because I've been very impressed with the standards in this league. They are much higher than the fourth division, and not far off the third. Even some second division sides would struggle at this level."

Docherty had first hand experience of Wigan's qualities last season, when he covered part of their FA Cup run to the quarter-finals for local radio. "Ray Mathias has built a very good team and with a bit of luck they would have been in the second division this season," he said.

First round draw

Altrincham v Wigan
Barnet v Hereford
Billingham v Halifax
Bishop Auckland v Blackpool
Bognor Regis v Torquay
Boston United or Welling v Carshalton
Brentford v Brighton
Bristol City v Aylesbury United
Bristol Rovers v Merthyr Tydfil
Burnley v Bolton
Cambridge United v Farnborough
Chelmsford v Bath
Chester v Runcorn
Chorley v Hartlepool
Colchester v Tamworth
Dagenham v Maidstone
Doncaster v Rotherham
Gillingham v Fulham
Halesowen v Kidderminster
Hayes v Swansea
Leyton Orient v Exeter
Lincoln v Crewe
Macclesfield v Carlisle
Northampton v Newport
Northwich Victoria v Colwyn Bay
Notts County v Chesterfield
Peterborough v Cardiff
Preston v Mansfield
Rochdale v Wrexham
Scarborough v Grimsby
Scunthorpe v Bury
Southend v Walsall
Sunderland v Darlington
Sutton v Aldershot
Telford v Stockport
Tranmere v Port Vale
VS Rugby v Leyton Wingate or Atherstone United
Wolves v Cheltenham
Worcester v Yeovil
York v Burton Albion
Ties to be played on November 14

Barnet, second in the Conference, will start as favourites against Hereford, who are seventh to bottom of the fourth division. Barnet have scored 16 goals and conceded none in the Cup's four qualifying rounds and, over the last 12 months, have won widespread admiration for their open, attacking play.

Barry Fry, their manager, said yesterday: "We are scoring lots of goals and we feel confident of creating chances against anybody. A lot of neutrals have told me they think we're the best non-League team they've ever seen. The Cup will give us a chance to prove ourselves."

There are several more upsets in prospect, for of 18 non-league clubs drawn against League opposition, 11 are at home. **Telford United**, who have claimed 10 League scalps in the last five seasons, will be particularly confident of success against **Stockport County**, whom they have twice knocked out in the first round since 1983. Home advantage could also prove decisive for three more Conference sides, **Sutton United**, **Macclesfield Town** and **Lincoln City**, who face **Aldershot**, **Carlisle United** and **Crewe Alexandra** respectively.

However, the Football Association has written to all the non-League clubs left in the competition, stressing the need for adequate policing and segregation and some venues may need to be changed. **Bishop Auckland's** committee were meeting last night to discuss sacrificing home advantage against **Blackpool** and **Chorley**, who had to play at neutral venues last season, against Wolverhampton Wanderers and Preston North End, fear they may have to do so again, against **Hartlepool United**.

Hayes (against **Swansea City**) and **Billingham Synthonia** (against **Halifax Town**) could face similar problems, but Jack Pearce, the manager of **Bognor Regis Town**, is confident of staging the tie against **Torquay United**. "If the FA wants to segregate the supporters, we'll get Torquay's to come in a train and ours can come in a taxi," he said. If Bognor fear they will be short of support, that will not be a problem for **Sunderland**. The third division leaders drew a crowd of nearly 20,000 against York City on Saturday and should better that for their North-East derby against **Darlington**.

Sheedy's hopes of comeback dashed

Everton's hopes of having Kevin Sheedy available for tomorrow night's Littlewoods Cup third round tie against **Liverpool** have ended. The Republic of Ireland international, who underwent an Achilles tendon operation seven weeks ago, had been hoping to return at Anfield but Colin Harvey, the Everton manager, explained: "Kevin is not in contention. He still needs a couple more run-outs before he can be considered for a first team recall."

Craig Johnston is likely to be recalled by Liverpool in place of the £850,000 newcomer Ray Houghton who is cup tied.

Bournemouth may include David Puckett in their attack against an unchanged **Arsenal** side at Highbury after just 13 minutes of first team football behind him in the last 10 months. The former Southampton forward may take over from Dave Shearer, who is cup-tied. Puckett suffered a serious leg injury last Boxing Day but has made rapid progress since his one recent appearance as substitute. Shaun Brooks is also likely to be restored after being substitute for the last three matches.

David Speedie and Dave Phillips have joined **Coventry City's** growing injury list. They were both hurt in the home defeat by Newcastle United and could be doubtful for the tie against **Luton Town** being played on Leicester City's ground because Luton police have said that Kenilworth Road could not accommodate away fans from Coventry.

"Obviously we would much prefer to play at home," the Luton manager, Ray Harford admitted, "but it was a case of knowing that we played on a neutral ground or didn't go in the cup at all." Harford will be without Ian Allinson who is cup-tied having played in the competition with Stoke.

Both **Stoke City** and **Norwich City** are likely to be without key defenders for their tie at The Victoria Ground. As Steve Bould will definitly be missing from the Stoke side with the groin strain which ruled him out of Saturday's goalless draw against Aston Villa, Chris Hemming continues alongside George Berry. Steve Bruce is the likely Norwich absentee. The Norwich captain was carried off near the end of Saturday's defeat at Sheffield Wednesday

Barnsley's target is a cup repeat

By Martin Searby

Barnsley anticipate their biggest crowd in 20 years for the visit of their near neighbours, Sheffield Wednesday in spite of some indifferent form since they embarrassed West Ham 5-2 at Upton Park in the last round of the Littlewoods Cup.

"That was the best performance by any side I have managed," Allan Clarke said. Now in his second spell at Oakwell, Clarke added: "The tie is the one all South Yorkshire has been waiting for

Wednesday cannot be looking forward to the match since their recent new and effective signings, Nigel Pearson from Shrewsbury and Mark Proctor from Sunderland are both cup-tied. But Larry May, the centre half they bought from Barnsley for £250,000 last spring, will be fit to return

Bradford City, three points clear at the top of the second division, travel to Selhurst Park to take on Charlton who are, nominally, only one place above them in bottom spot in the first. Their manager, Terry Dolan sees the match as a test of the club's new status.

SQUASH RACKETS

Dittmar: splendidly resilient (Photograph: Hugh Routledge)

Australia hoping to miss Pakistan

By Colin McQuillan

If the Australians had a problem in the elimination rounds of the ICI Perspex world team championships, it was maintaining a fierce cutting edge against teams from lesser nations, such as the Dutch squad they brushed aside at Lambs Club yesterday to enter the quarter-final draw today as runaway winners of pool C.

Chris Dittmar, the splendidly resilient losing finalist of the world open individual event in Birmingham, eased past Hans Frieling, 9-3, 9-0, 9-3, in 27 minutes at first string, and Chris Robertson, the Australian open champion, finished off Eric Smit, 9-2, 9-0, 9-6, in 24 minutes at third string.

Signs of wandering attention were evident in the spasmodic performance of Rodney Martin, however, as he dropped the second game for a single point and struggled briefly at 8-7 in the third before tidying away the Dutch second string, Raymond Scheffer, 9-3, 7-9, 9-7, 9-2, in 38 minutes.

Martin is the stunning youngster from the Australian Institute of Squash, who in July became the second man in six years to defeat Jahangir Khan, whom he is likely to meet again here, either in the final or the semi-final – dependent upon today's draw – because the organizing committee controversially demoted Jahangir to second string after his third successive loss to Jansher Kham in the Birmingham semi-finals.

The Australian player-manager, Ross Thorne, believes Martin can defeat Jahangir again. "Jahangir is upset about being overtaken by Jansher, and he knows Rodney was the man who started the slide on the Asian circuit."

But Thorne knows his men will raise themselves for the later stages of the championships. This tight little group of antipodean professionals carries fighting capability and experience well beyond their mutual youth and their third seeding here.

"I just hope the draw keeps us away from Pakistan," Thorne said. "We can make a great final of it and we can win it."

Only second-seeded New Zealand, winners of pool B, and Sweden or Germany, who played the pool A eliminators with Pakistan, can be sure of avoiding the defending champions before the final. England, as pool D winners, and Australia, go into the hat today with the other three runners-up.

RESULTS: England 3, Ireland 0 (G Briars bt N Ryan, 9-4, 9-1, 9-4; N Harvey bt K Flynn, 9-3, 9-0, 9-4; B Beeson bt D Gotto, 9-2, 9-7, 9-6); Canada 2, Finland 1; Wales 2, United States 1 (C Jones bt N Edwards, 2-9, 4-9, 9-6, 9-2, 9-5; A Davies lost to K Jernighan, 10-9, 4-9, 5-9, 8-10; A Evans bt A Khan, 7-9, 9-2, 9-3, 9-3); Australia 3, Singapore 0; Switzerland 2, Spain 1; Egypt 3, Brazil 0; Ireland 3, Kuwait 0 (J McKay bt T El-Awaish, 9-3, 8-10, 9-3, 9-0; N Ryan bt F Ali, 3-9, 9-10, 9-3, 9-0, 9-3; K Flynn bt M Sharkawi, 9-1, 9-0, 9-5); Netherlands 2, France 1; Pakistan 3, Norway 0; New Zealand 3, Canada 0; Wales 3, Denmark 0 (C Jones bt A Jacobsen, 6-9, 9-7, 9-7, 9-6; A Evans bt P Juul, 9-1, 9-3, 9-5; A Davies bt M Just, 9-4, 9-2, 9-4); Australia 3, Netherlands 0;

CRICKET

Kapil Dev's blows fail to keep India up with run rate

From Alan Lee, Chandigarh

The business-like manner in which Kapil Dev applied the knock-out blows to Zimbabwe at Ahmedabad yesterday suggests that Imran Khan's mischievous views have not found much support within the Indian camp.

Imran, surveying the World Cup scene from a position of enviable strength after leading Pakistan to five straight victories, says he rather fancies the idea of meeting India in the semi-final at Lahore rather than in the Calcutta final. Kapil Dev, you may be sure, can think of nothing worse.

To avoid Pakistan, India must win their group, which is why Kapil Dev, mindful of the run-rate factor if two teams should tie on points, was anxious to banish poor Zimbabwe with a minimum of fuss. His efforts, however, came a little late.

Until the captain arrived, India had been making stately progress towards Zimbabwe's modest total of 191. Gavaskar had needed 114 deliveries for his 50 and, although Siddhu had been quicker in making his fourth half-century in as many innings (it ended in the same wasteful way as the previous three), there was no great sense of urgency. India seemed intent on nothing beyond victory. Kapil Dev, promoting himself to No. 5, changed the mood entirely, facing only 25 balls for his 41 and finishing the job with a six.

It was a perfectly efficient, untroubled seven-wicket victory but India's run-rate is now fractionally inferior to Australia's and they have only one more match, against New Zealand on Saturday, in which to improve it.

There are still, however, a variety of possible outcomes to Group A. The most intriguing, though probably the least likely, is that India, Australia and New Zealand could all finish level on 16 points. This option may well disappear in Chandigarh today, when an Australian victory would guarantee a semi-final passage for both themselves and India.

Chandigarh – ironically, Kapil Dev's home town – is the capital of the troubled Punjab, where another six people, some of them terrorists, were shot dead over the weekend. Security will be as stringent today as it was in Delhi last week.

Australia were brought down to earth by India in Delhi after winning two matches they had seemed bound to lose. One of these was against New Zealand, although on the balance of their form, Australia looked clearly the better equipped side. Border, their captain, is likely to experiment with chasing runs again, should he win the toss. He feels his batsmen are happier without a target to confuse them. He, also, may have the dreaded run rate in mind.

ZIMBABWE	
R D Brown c More b Sharma	13
A H Shah run out	0
K J Arnott b Kapil Dev	60
A J Pycroft c More b Sharma	2
†D L Houghton c Kapil Dev b Shastri	22
A C Waller c Shastri b Maninder	39
I P Butchart b Kapil Dev	13
P W E Rawson not out	16
E A E Brandes not out	3
Extras (b 1, lb 12, w 9, nb 1)	23
Total (7 wkts, 50 overs)	191

M P Jarvis and *A J Traicos did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-4, 2-36, 3-40, 4-83, 5-150, 6-155, 7-184.

BOWLING: Kapil Dev 10-2-44-2; Prabhakar 7-2-12-0; Sharma 10-0-41-2; Maninder 10-1-32-1; Shastri 10-0-35-1; Azharuddin 3-0-14-0.

INDIA	
K Srikkanth lbw b Jarvis	6
S M Gavaskar c Butchart b Rawson	50
N S Siddhu c Brandes b Rawson	55
D B Vengsarkar not out	33
*Kapil Dev not out	41
Extras (lb 6, w 3)	9
Total (3 wkts, 42 overs)	194

M Azharuddin, R J Shastri, †K S More, M Prabhakar, C Sharma and Maninder Singh did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-11, 2-105, 3-132.

BOWLING: Brandes 6-0-28-0; Jarvis 8-1-21-1; Ali Shah 8-0-40-0; Traicos 10-0-39-0; Rawson 8-0-46-2; Butchart 2-0-14-0.

Ahmedabad under fire

Ahmedabad (AFP) – Kapil Dev, India's captain, called for a year's ban on staging any international match at the Gujarat Stadium here following the unruly behaviour of a big crowd during his country's World Cup match with Zimbabwe yesterday. At one point the umpires, Dickie Bird and David Archer, had to stop play briefly until spectators desisted from throwing missiles on to the playing area.

John Traicos, the Zimbabwe captain, also expressed his annoyance at the crowd trouble and blamed it for the falling off in the standard of his side's fielding, which has been a feature of the competition.

● David Boon, the former Australian Test vice-captain, has been warned he could face disciplinary action if there is a repetition of the dissent he showed after being given out against India last Thursday, when he at first refused to leave the crease for several seconds and then gestured to the crowd, who had been heckling him, as he walked off.

BOXING

Smaller in all respects

Lloyd Honeyghan will have an American referee for his world welterwight title defence against Jorge Vaca of Mexico at Wembley tomorrow. Henry Elespure, from California, has been appointed by the World Boxing Council (WBC), which has named Bob Logist, from Belgium, Malcolm Bulmer, from Australia, and Chuck Hassett, also from the United States, as judges.

Such a fight would normally be one of the big nights of the year, but the crowd at Wembley Grand Hall will be little more than a tenth of the 35,000 who saw Frank Bruno defeat Joe Bugner at White Hart Lane on Saturday. And Honeyghan and Vaca will also be on a fraction of the two heavyweights' earnings – estimated at around £1 million combined.

Honeyghan, aged 27, who moved away from Bruno's stable two years ago because he felt his career was not taking off there, is fast moving towards the millionaire bracket, however. Part of his contract with his manager and Mickey Duff, the promoter, is that he gets a share of the profits. That was a wise move by Honeyghan, because he is on course to become Britain's most successful post-war world champion.

Having achieved what many thought to be the impossible last year by taking the crown off Don Curry, Honeyghan has already made three defences. Victory over Vaca would equal Jim Watt's record since the war.

● Joe Bugner slipped quietly out of London yesterday, vowing to return for next month's court battle with his ex-wife, Melody, who has served him with a writ claiming £50,000 maintenance.

● The WBC will decide in London this week whether or not to sanction a world heavyweight title fight between Mike Tyson and Larry Holmes.

FOR THE RECORD

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

NORTH AMERICA: National Football League (NFL): Houston 37, Atlanta 33; Buffalo 34, Miami 31, OT; Chicago 27, Tampa Bay 26; Pittsburgh 23, Cincinnati 20; Philadelphia 37, Dallas 20; Green Bay 34, Detroit 33; Indianapolis 30, New England 16; Washington 17, N.Y. Jets 16; San Francisco 24, New Orleans 22; NY Giants 30, St Louis 7; Seattle 35, LA Raiders 13; San Diego 42, Kansas City 21.

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

Eastern Division	W	L	T	PF	PA
Buffalo	3	3	0	115	158
Indianapolis	3	3	0	121	89
New England	3	3	0	113	128
NY Jets	3	3	0	151	144
Miami	2	4	0	168	133
Central Division	W	L	T	PF	PA
Houston	4	2	0	149	124
Pittsburgh	4	2	0	133	121
Cleveland	3	2	0	119	83
Cincinnati	2	4	0	95	125
Western Division	W	L	T	PF	PA
San Diego	5	1	0	133	104
Denver	3	1	1	122	105
Seattle	4	2	0	166	118
LA Raiders	3	3	0	126	112
Kansas City	1	5	0	89	201

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Eastern Division	W	L	T	PF	PA
Washington	5	1	0	150	101
Dallas	3	3	0	135	134
Philadelphia	2	4	0	123	163
St Louis	2	4	0	128	152
NY Giants	1	5	0	99	142
Central Division	W	L	T	PF	PA
Chicago	5	1	0	160	77
Tampa Bay	3	3	0	141	111
Green Bay	3	2	1	108	115
Minnesota	3	3	0	88	105
Detroit	1	5	0	119	179
Western Division	W	L	T	PF	PA
San Francisco	5	1	0	161	144
New Orleans	3	3	0	142	123
Atlanta	2	4	0	117	178
LA Rams	1	4	0	98	123

YACHTING

ROYAL BANK NATIONAL YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS: First race (provisional): Laser Class: 1, A Bonsey; 2, G Fryett; 3, P Karakusevic; 4, J Driscoll; 5, R Kent. 420 Class (subject to protest): 1, G Irish and D Marsden; 2, C Taylorand, G Steele; 3, J Andrews, E Wilkinson; 4, I Walker, C Hammett; 5, J Merricks, R Wilson.

SHOOTING

BUDAPEST: Airgun World Championship: Women: individual air pistol: 1, J Braykovich (Yug), 489.0 (world record). Team: 1, V Lecheva, N Mitova and K Doncheva (Bul), 1177 (world record). Junior World Cup: 1, United States, 1164.

SQUASH RACKETS

HUMBERSIDE: Kimington Open championship finals: Men: M Gul (Pak) bt C Wilstrop (Yorkshire) 9-1, 9-7, 6-9, 5-9, 9-4. Women: D Vardy (Notts) beat A Smith (Staffs) 9-0, 9-1, 9-5.

BADMINTON

ROYAL BANK INTERCOUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS: First division: Yorkshire bt Cheshire, 11-6. Second division: Lancashire bt Nottinghamshire, 11-6.

BASKETBALL

SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Men: First division: Cumnock 71, Glasgow Airport 62; Boroughmuir 90, Team Simpson Donald 49; GEAR 71, Pentland 63. Second division: James Watt College 79, Glenrothes 58; Dunfermline 57, Bruins 57. Women: First division: Dundee 49, Paisley 66; Boroughmuir Aces 46, Edinburgh Royals 61. Second division: Inverclyde 86, Fair City 53.

BANK OF SCOTLAND JUNIOR NATIONAL LEAGUE: Men: First division: Dunfermline 36, GEAR 66; Boroughmuir 34, Paisley 79; Cumnock 119, Magnum 89; Wester Hailes 61, Portobello 63. Second division: Alness 55, Dundee 52.

SCOTTISH CUP: Men: First round: Dundee 107, Magnum 87.

MILWAUKEE OPEN EXHIBITION TOURNAMENT: Milwaukee Bucks 127, Soviet Union 100.

BOWLS

COUNTY MATCHES: Berkshire 155 Essex 106; Hertfordshire 161 Lincolnshire 149.

BOXING

TUCSON: International Boxing Federation (IBF) junior-lightweight title: (15 rounds) Rocky Lockridge (US) bt Johnny De la Rosa (Dom Rep) rsc, 10th.

FIVES

NATWEST COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: Cambridgeshire bt Sussex, 3-0; at Eton, Berkshire bt Hampshire 2-1; at Aldenham, Essex bt Buckinghamshire 3-0.

FOOTBALL

OLYMPIC QUALIFYING COMPETITION: Group B: Guatemala 3, Guyana 0

SANTIAGO: World youth championship: Semi-final: Yugoslavia 2, East Germany 1. Third place match: Chile 1, East Germany 1 (aet, East Germany win on penalties). Final: Yugoslavia 1, West Germany (aet, Yugoslavia win 5-4 on penalties). Asian zone: Japan 0, China 2.

KIRKKONUMMI: European women's championship qualifying round: Finland 1, England 2.

GOLF

SAO PAULO: International classic: Final scores: 274: A Saavedra (Arg) 68, 69, 70, 67; E Romero (Arg) 67, 68, 67, 72 (Saavedra won three-hole play-off). 276: E Caballero (Br) 68, 73, 65, 70. 278: D Jones (GB) 68, 69, 71, 70. 280: L Carbonetti (Arg) 73, 68, 70, 69.

TUCSON, Arizona: Open tournament: Final scores: (US unless stated): 268: M Reid. 272: H Sutton; M Calcavecchia; F Zoeller; C Beck; D Pohl; C Pavin; J Haas. 274: M Springer. 275: C Stadler; F Couples; R Thompson.

SONY WORLD RANKINGS: 1, G Norman (Aus); 2, B Langer (WG); 3, S Ballesteros (Sp); 4, C Strange (US); 5, S Lyle (GB); 6, I Woosnam (GB); 7, T Nakajima (Jap); 8, M McNulty (SA); 9, P Stewart (US); 10, R Davis (Aus).

HANDBALL

BRITISH LEAGUE: Men: Birkenhead 19, Liverpool 16; Manchester Utd 25, Kirkby Select 21; Tryst '77 33, Strathclyde University 10; Ashford Tanners 31, Leicester '73 14; Ruislip Eagles 22, Great Dane 29; Olympic Cannock 23, Milton Keynes 18; EK '82 23, Wakefield 28. Women: Wakefield Metros 17, Arcton 15; Manchester Utd 7, Halewood Town 8. Challenge: Women: Droitwich Wasps 5, Wolves Poly 8.

MIDLAND LEAGUE: Men: Droitwich Wasps 10, Warwick Jaguars 0; Stafford Olympic 11, German Tornadoes 21.

ICE HOCKEY

WALES CONFERENCE

Patrick Division	W	L	T	Pts	F	A
New Jersey	5	3	0	10	29	25
NY Islanders	5	2	0	10	30	16
NY Rangers	4	3	2	10	41	33
Washington	5	3	0	10	34	25
Philadelphia	3	3	1	7	21	31
Pittsburg	2	5	2	6	36	38
Adams League	W	L	T	Pts	F	A
Montreal	5	3	1	11	37	27
Boston	5	3	0	10	31	30
Buffalo	3	4	2	8	33	39
Quebec	3	3	1	7	29	28
Hartford	2	5	0	6	22	34

CAMPBELL CONFERENCE

Norris Division	W	L	T	Pts	F	A
Chicago	5	4	0	10	39	38
Detroit	4	3	0	8	21	24
Minnesota	3	4	1	7	27	31
Toronto	3	4	0	6	31	35
St Louis	2	4	0	4	19	22
Smythe Division	W	L	T	Pts	F	A
Edmonton	6	2	0	12	43	27
Calgary	4	5	0	8	36	38
Winnipeg	4	3	0	8	24	22
Los Angeles	2	6	0	4	18	33
Vancouver	2	5	0	4	28	33

MOTOR CYCLING

BRANDS HATCH: ACU Motoprix trophy sidecars (15 laps): S Webster and T Hewitt (Fowler) 12:34.9 (86.09). Shell Oils 250 international (12 laps): G Cowan (Honda) 10:07.8 (85.54 mph). Superstocks final (15 laps): J Witham (Suzuki) 12:42.8 (85.20 mph). Kennings Classic Bike final (10 laps): R Cutts (Matchless) 9:25.5 (76.62 mph).

REAL TENNIS

MANCHESTER: Singles semi-finals: J Snow bt I Snell 10-2; J Male bt N Pendrigh 6-4. Final: Male bt Snow 2-6, 6-3, 6-3. Doubles semi-finals: Snow and M McMurrugh bt Male and A Windham 5-4; Pendrigh and Snell bt A Page and R Hollington 4-3. Final: Snow and McMurrugh bt Pendrigh and Snell 6-1, 6-2.

RUGBY LEAGUE

BARLA LANCASHIRE CUP: third round: Blackbrook 14, Saddleworth 18; Folly Lane 8, Farnworth 9; Leigh Miners 32, Wigan St Patricks 2; Pilkington 36, Leigh East 18; Salem 18, Mayfield 18; Woolston 13, West Bank 13.

ATHLETICS

ZATOPEK ROUND-THE-THAMES ROAD RELAY: men: 8 x 4.5km: 1, West London Inst 1hr 19min 22sec; 2, Highgate H 1: 21: 04; 3, Newham & Essex Beagles, 1:21. 16. Fastest lap: S Newport (West London Inst) 12:41. Women: 4 x 4.5 km: 1, Shaftesbury & Barnet 1:05.39; 2, Cambridge H 1:05.59 sec; 3, West London Inst. 1:06.27. Fastest lap: A Whitcombe (Parkside, Harrow) 15:10. Corporate Cup 4 x 4.5 km: 1, NatWest Bank 53:05; 2, Banfield Lovell Rees 58:17; 3, City of Westminster 59:42. Fastest lap: O Arif (NatWest Bank) 13:11.

MARSEILLE: half-marathon (to Cassis): 1, N Adams (GB), 1hr 4min 20sec; 2, S Brace (GB), 1:04:39; 3, R Pannier (Fr), 1:04:45.

SURESNES: 7.5km road race: 1, D Clarke (GB), 20min 47sec; 2, B Lavare (Fr), 20:49; 3, M Bishop (GB), 20:52.9; 4, M Loughlin (GB), 20:54.2

SWIMMING

DUNDEE: Stakis international meeting: Men: 100 metres freestyle: 1, M Fibbens (Beckenham) 50.76 secs; 2, R Dekker (Neth) 51.11; 3, S Cullen (Trojans) 52.36. 400 metres freestyle: 1, T Day (City of Leeds) 3:56.54; 2, C McNeil (Paisley) 3:58.19; 3, D Stacey (Beckenham) 4:00.32. 100 metres backstroke: 1, M Peyrebrune (Warrender) 59.05; 2, S Cullen (Trojans) 59.84; 3, I Panang (Kelly College) 1:00.55. 200 metres breaststroke: 1, A Moorhouse (City of Leeds) 2:12.92; 2, G O'Toole (Trojans) 2:18.94; 3, N Hughton (Aberdeen) 2:19.20. 200 metres butterfly: 1, A Quinn (City of Manchester) 2:05.99; 2, R Leishman (Kelly College) 2:06.20; 3, M Fibbens (Beckenham) 2:08.62. 50 metres butterfly: 1, M Foster (Southend) 24.95; 2, M Fibbens (Beckenham) 25.16; 3, E Stuart (City of Dundee) 25.58. Women: 100 metres freestyle: 1, Mildred Muis (Neth) 56.66; 2, Marianne Muis (Neth) 56.94; 3, J Croft (Wigan) 57.54. 400 metres freestyle: 1, J Croft (Wigan) 4:13.50; 2, G Stanley (Stockport) 4:15.17; 3, R Gillfillan (City of Dundee) 4:20.00. 100 metres backstroke: 1, H Slatter (Kelly College) 1:05.24; 2, J Ewing (Paisley) 1:06.08; 3, S Page (Stockport) 1:06.20. 200 metres breaststroke: 1, G Stanley (Stockport) 2:34.21; 2, H Walsh (Millfield) 2:35.35; 3, A McKellican (City of Dundee) 2:39.32. 200 metres butterfly: 1, C Foot (Millfield) 2:16.78; 2, S Smart (City of Chester) 2:18.93; 3, D Newell (Redbridge Borough) 2:18.07.

TENNIS

BRAMHALL: LTA women's indoor tennis tournament: Singles first round: K Kuentrec (Fr) bt M Rooimans (Neth) 7-6, 6-3; P Wallenfels (WG) bt S Sullivan (Essex) 2-6, 6-2, 6-4; C Jexell (Swe) bt M Parun (NZ) 6-2, 6-1; S Loosemore (S Wales) bt K Schuurmans (Bel) 7-6, 6-1; T Catlin (Cambs) bt P Moreno (Hong Kong) 6-2, 6-4; M Strandlund (Swe) bt S Schenck (US) 6-2, 7-6; E Maniokova (USSR) bt N Housset (Fr) 7-6, 4-6, 6-2; V Milvidskaia (USSR) bt M Drake (Can) 6-3, 6-0; N Medvedeva (USSR) bt I Deruysscher (Bel) 6-0, 1-0 ret; M Eykenboom (Neth) bt K Hunter (Surrey) 6-3, 6-4.

ZURICH: European women's indoor tournament: R Marsikova bt S Goles (Yug), 6-4, 6-1; J Wiesner (Austria) bt S Cecchini (It), 7-6 (9-7), 6-2; N Provis (Fra) bt B Paulus (Austria), 6-4, 6-3

ANTWERP: European Community championship: first round: T Mayotte (US) bt K Jones (US), 6-4 6-4; M Jaite (Arg) bt K Novacek (Czech), 7-5 6-4.

INDIANAPOLIS: Women's tournament: First round: (US unless stated): M Torres bt C MacGregor 6-2, 6-0; Pascal Louis Harper bt A Holikova (Cz) 7-5, 6-1; S Sloane bt P Casale 0-6, 6-3, 7-6; H Cioffi bt G Purdy 6-3, 6-3; D Faber bt Anna-Maria Fernandez 6-0, 6-3; L Antonopolis bt V Nelson-Dunbar 6-4, 6-2.

VOLLEYBALL

TOKYO: Japan Cup women's tournament: First round: Peru bt China 3-2; Japan bt Italy 3-1; US bt China 3-2; USSR bt South Korea 3-0.

RACKETS

MANCHESTER: Gold Racquet: Singles semi-finals: J Male bt A McDonald 15-2, 15-7; C Hue Williams bt S Shenkman 7-15, 15-6, 15-9. Final: Male bt Hue Williams 15-14, 15-11, 15-5. Doubles semi-final: Male and Shenkman bt McDonald and A Prenn 15-8, 15-10; C Hue Williams and M Hue Williams bt R Hollington and W Hollington 15-4, 15-8. Final: Male and Shenkman bt Hue Williams and Hue Williams 15-11, 15-9, 2-15, 15-11.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

7.30 unless stated

Littlewoods Cup
Third round

Arsenal v Bournemouth (7.45)
Barnsley v Sheffield Wed
Bury v QPR
Charlton v Bradford (7.45)
Ipswich v Southend (7.45)
Luton v Coventry (at Leicester FC, 7.45)
Manchester C v Nottingham F
Stoke v Norwich

Freight Rover Trophy
Preliminary round

Darlington v Chesterfield
Fulham v Brighton
Gillingham v Leyton Orient (7.45)
Grimsby v Halifax
Mansfield v Hartlepool
Preston v Stockport
Swansea v Wolverhampton
Tranmere v Burnley
Wrexham v Walsall

GM Vauxhall Conference

Telford v Macclesfield

Fine Fare Scottish League
Premier division

Motherwell v Hearts

First division

Dumbarton v Raith
Forfar v Aidrie
Hamilton v Meadowbank
Partick v Kilmarnock

CENTRAL LEAGUE (7.0): First division: Derby v Sheffield United; Huddersfield v Leicester (7.30); Manchester United v Grimsby; Sunderland v Blackpool. Second division: Middlesbrough v York; Notts County v Barnsley; Oldham v Port Vale; Rotherham v Bolton.

GM ACCEPTANCE CUP: First round: Wycombe v Bognor.

FA CUP: Fourth qualifying round replay: Atherstone v Leyton-Wingate.

FA VASE: First round replay: Chertsey v Mersthan.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Premier division: Buxton v Chorley; Frickley v Hyde; Gainsborough v Matlock; Marine v Workington; Morecambe v Southport; Witton v Barrow. League Cup: Preliminary round, second leg: Harrogate v Farsley.

VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: Premier division: Windsor and Eton v Basingstoke; Wokingham v Hayes. First division: Boreham Wood v Oxford City; Grays v Stevenage Borough; Marlow v Chesham; Staines v Woking; Walton and Hersham v Leatherhead; Worthing v Lewes. Second division north: Barton v Aveley; Berkhamsted v Hemel Hempstead; Hertford v Letchworth GC; Heybridge v Rainham; Tilbury v Hornchurch; Witham v Wivenhoe. Second division south: Dorking v Camberley; Egham v Chalfont St Peter; Epsom and Ewell v Molesey.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Westgate Insurance Cup: First round: Alvechurch v Gloucester; Andover v Poole; Ashford v Thanet; Aylesbury v Dunstable; Baldock v Cambridge City; Banbury v Worcester; Bilston v Redditch; Bridgnorth v Witney; Burnham v Tonbridge; Corinthian v Crawley; Dover v Chatham; Erith and Belvedere v Chelmsford; Forest Green v Trowbridge; Gosport v Dorchester; Halesowen v Bedworth; Hastings v Folkestone; King's Lynn v Bury; Merthyr v Bromsgrove; Moor Green v Hednesford; Ruislip v Buckingham; Rushden v Coventry Sporting; Sheppey v Dartford; Stourbridge v Dudley; Sutton Coldfield v Paget; Willenhall v Mile Oak.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Plymouth Argyle v Bideford; Clandown v Bath.

DRYBROUGHS NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Gretna v Easington; Whitby v Ferryhill.

ESSEX SENIOR CUP: First round: Barking v Billericay.

MIDDLESEX SENIOR CUP: Second preliminary round: Brimsdown v Haringey Borough (at Haringey); Harefield v Northwood; Southgate v Finchley (at Finchley); Southall v Welwyn GC; Yeading v Ruislip Manor.

RUGBY UNION

TOSHIBA COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: Dorset and Wiltshire v Somerset (at Salisbury, 7.15).

CLUB MATCH: Nuneaton v Northampton.

RUGBY LEAGUE

TOUR MATCHES: Warrington v Auckland (NZ); Yorkshire v Papua New Guinea (at Leeds).

OTHER SPORT

SNOOKER: Hofmeister World doubles championship: Preliminary rounds (at Portsmouth).

SPEEDWAY: Carpet Remnant Centre 4TT (at Arena Essex).

SQUASH RACKETS: Spectrum open championship (at Willington, Durham).

TENNIS: LTA Women's indoor circuit (at Matchpoint Centre, Bramhall).

SPORT ON TV

AMERICAN FOOTBALL: Highlights of this week's games in America's National Football League. C4: 10 p.m.

BADMINTON: British Airways masters: Extensive coverage of the recent event at the Albert Hall. C4: 2.15-3.45 p.m.

BASEBALL: World series: Seventh and deciding game between Minnesota, champions of the American League and St Louis, National League winners. C4: 6 p.m.

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A warm welcome for winner from the Piggott stable

Winning trainer: Mrs Piggott talks with Bryn Crossley at Nottingham

By Dick Hinder and John Goodbody

Susan Piggott yesterday saddled her first winner as a trainer – while her husband was in Norwich prison, three days after being jailed for three years for tax offences.

Division II of the Woodborough Maiden Stakes, the four o'clock race at Nottingham yesterday, was far removed from the glamour of Lester Piggott's triumphs as a jockey *and even his 70 winners* since he became a trainer two years ago. But there were well-wishers galore to surround his wife as she greeted Turbine Blade in the winner's enclosure.

The *biggest* cheers *of the day* came as Tony Ives partnered the 14-1 chance to victory against Zinzio, the Pat Eddery-ridden, odds-on favourite, in the last race. Bryn Crossley, stable jockey at the Piggotts' Eve Lodge yard at Newmarket, jumped off the stable's other representative in the race, Raahin, who finished sixth, to kiss Mrs Piggott, and her daughter, *Maureen, who had tears in her* eyes.

"Everybody has been so tremendously supportive and kind to the family. We really do appreciate this," said Mrs Piggott. "I should be going *to see Lester later* in the week.

"Turbine Blade has a good turn of foot and has the makings of a nice horse next year. Of course, he is my favourite horse in the yard now. Anyway, it's another winner for Lester and we shall have a few more runners this season to try to add to our 31 successes, plus seven or eight abroad," she added.

"We shall have a couple of runners at Newmarket and there is a number of factors that will determine how many we have to run at Leicester and Doncaster next week."

It was exactly two years ago that Lester Piggott rode his final winner, Full Choke, at Nottingham before retiring to take up training. Today's Nottingham programme includes the Full Choke Handicap and the Lester Piggott Final Handicap to commemorate that day. Ironically, Susan Piggott hasn't a runner in either race.

Meanwhile, the Jockey Club yesterday confirmed that it was investigating allegations that Piggott was betting when he was a licensed jockey and that a full study would be made of the court case last week, to see whether the former champion had infringed the rules of racing.

After an emergency meeting in London, the stewards issued a statement pointing out the distinction between jockeys' earnings and ex-gratia payments. The stewards emphasised that any payments made by owners to jockeys, above those laid down in the rules of racing, were a matter for the individuals concerned. They will be meeting officials of the Inland Revenue and Customs and Excise to confirm this procedure.

All jockeys' earnings under the rules of racing, which include riding fees, prize money percentages and retainers, are monitored by racing's administrators, Weatherbys, and the details sent to the Inland Revenue.

A spokesman *for the* Jockey Club said: "We maintain a security force to investigate possible breaches of the rules, and anyone aware of irregularities in the registration of retainers or jockeys betting should present the evidence to the director of security at Portman Square."

In 1985, Henry Cecil was fined £2,000 by the disciplinary committee of the Jockey Club for failing to register all the details of payments by owners to Piggott between 1981 and 1984. One of the owners alleged to have made extra payments was Lord Howard de Walden, but he has denied he made cash payments to jockeys. Lord Howard was Senior Steward in 1957, 1964 and 1976.

Gooch points the way to the cloudless oasis

From John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent, Jaipur

England gained a wonderfully welcome victory here yesterday and with it a place in the semi-finals of the World Cup so long as they beat Sri Lanka in Poona on Friday. In lovely weather and against some extraordinarily improvident West Indian bowling, they made 269 for five before dismissing West Indies for 235.

It was an exciting match which West Indies had every chance of winning even until half an hour or so from the end. Had they made anything like proper use of the pitch in the first hour they could, to all intents and purposes, have won it then. But a staunch and skilful innings from Gooch, which won him the Man of the Match award, helped England through this difficult period, and West Indies themselves did much to ease the pressure when their bowlers seemed as much affected by the occasion as ever a batsman was.

Even then West Indies were well up with the asking rate for the first 30 overs of their innings. As he has a habit of doing, except against Emburey, Richardson took to the English bowling. He also had a lot of luck in the number of times he played and missed, the ball moving occasionally off the seam all day. While Richardson and Richards were adding 82 in 17 overs for the third wicket, England knew they would need all their tenacity to hang on.

That they did so was to everyone's credit, particularly DeFreitas, who bowled splendidly, Hemmings, who removed Richards and then ran out Harper, Emburey, who was his usual reliable self, *Foster and Small*, who recovered from their earlier looseness, in their later spells, and Gatting for the way he handled his attack. The fielding, too, was better than in their previous matches.

It was with much anxiety that England went in to bat. There was enough grass on the pitch and lingering dew for both captains to be keen to bowl first. England could be profoundly grateful for the fact that Marshall, Garner and Holding were elsewhere and for that matter that Gray was not playing. As he invariably is when confronted by the *West Indians, Robinson* was ill at ease on and outside the off stump. Having been dropped at the wicket in the third over, he had his off stump snapped in two by Patterson in the ninth.

But by then the wides were starting to mount up and within the hour Richards must have felt like calling his side together and giving them a good talking to. Briefly, after Athey had come in, Richards had the confidence to crowd the bat, Patterson bowling a few balls with five close fielders. Yet as early as the twelfth over, and much to England's relief, Harper replaced Walsh, bowling his 10 overs of off breaks in a single spell. When at the other end Hooper took over from Patterson and bowled three leg-side wides in his first over, Gooch and Athey must have thought that Christmas had come early.

In three overs Hooper conceded *27 runs. At the other* end Athey swept Harper for two fours. Repeating the stroke, he was caught on the long-leg boundary. But Gatting was soon feeding eagerly on all the good things on offer. After 30 overs England were 150 for two.

Then, suddenly, the momentum fell away, the two captains having much to do with it, and Gatting by getting out when he did and Richards for showing his side that what matters most in bowling in this competition are length and direction. In the first 10 overs of their last 20 England scored only 35 runs.

As happened against Pakistan last week, Gatting was out sweeping. It may have been a little more of a pull this time than a sweep but the *place to be hitting the ball was* straight and not to mid-wicket. Having lost Gatting, with whom he had added 64 in half an hour, Gooch had to be more careful than he might otherwise have been, and in the end England needed 83 from their last 10 overs to give as many as they did. Lamb, Emburey and DeFreitas all contributed, the last two with startling improvisations after Gooch had been caught at deep mid-wicket off the 135th ball he faced.

There was not a cloud to be seen and the barren hills that ring the *Pink City made the* ground look like an oasis. And so the battle unfolded. Lucky to get rid of Haynes, caught at square leg off a long hop in the fifth over, England were then treated to a glimpse of Simmons's presence.

And when he was bowled by Emburey, playing defensively forward, Richards came in and made 51 in 51 balls, one pull of his off Emburey being such a blow that it would have cleared the grandstand at Lord's even from a pitch well over towards the Tavern. He *had just swept his two other* sixes off successive balls from Hemmings when Hemmings bowled him. Richards was making room for an off-side force.

While Logie was scampering 22 in company with Richardson, West Indies were still well in it, as they were until Hooper and Dujon and Harper came and went in quick succession. Sixty-five from the last 10 overs with six wickets left and Richardson still there represented a shade of odds in West Indies' favour. Then Downton caught Hooper very well and Dujon, too, and Hemmings, who did England proud throughout, ran out the dangerous Harper from backward cover. Harper, who had played the stroke, was making for the bowler's end.

One never knows quite what to expect from a West Indian with a bat in his hand and it was only when Benjamin and Patterson still needed 35 from the last two overs that England could feel sure the job was done.

Group A

	P	W	L	Pts	Rate
India	5	4	1	16	5.18
Australia	4	3	1	12	5.20
New Zealand	4	2	2	8	5.06
Zimbabwe	5	0	5	0	3.72

REMAINING MATCHES (India): Today (Chandigarh): Australia v New Zealand; Oct 30 (Cuttack): Australia v Zimbabwe; Oct 31 (Nagpur): India v New Zealand.

Group B

	P	W	L	Pts	Rate
Pakistan	5	5	0	20	5.08
England	5	3	2	12	5.11
West Indies	5	2	3	8	5.17
Sri Lanka	5	0	5	0	3.97

REMAINING MATCHES: Oct 30 (Puna, India): England v Sri Lanka; Oct 30 (Karachi, Pakistan): Pakistan v West Indies.

● *Top two teams qualify for semi-finals. Where teams have equal number of points, their positions are determined first by number of wins, then by run rate.*

SEMI-FINALS: Nov 4 (Lahore): Winners Group B v Runners-up Group A; Nov 5 (Bombay): Winners Group A v Runners-up Group B.

FINAL: Nov 8: Calcutta.

SCOREBOARD FROM JAIPUR

West Indies won toss

ENGLAND

		6s	4s	Mins	Balls
G A Gooch c Harper b Patterson	92	-	7	175	137
R T Robinson b Patterson	13	-	2	36	19
C W J Athey c Patterson b Harper	21	-	3	91	44
*M W Gatting lbw b Richards	25	-	1	28	24
A J Lamb c Richardson b Patterson	40	-	3	74	52
J E Emburey not out	24	-	4	28	16
P A J DeFreitas not out	16	-	3	8	9
Extras: (b 5, lb 10, w 22, nb 1)	38				
Total: (5 wkts, 50 overs)	269				

†P R Downton, N A Foster, E E Hemmings and G C Small did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-35, 2-90, 3-154, 4-209, 5-250.

BOWLING: Patterson 9-0-56-3 (w 7); Walsh 10-0-24-0 (nb 1, w 1); Benjamin 10-0-63-0 (w 3); Harper 10-1-52-1 (w 2); Hooper 3-0-27-0 (w 6); Richards 8-0-32-1.

WEST INDIES

		6s	4s	Mins	Balls
D L Haynes c Athey b DeFreitas	9	-	2	15	14
P V Simmons b Emburey	25	-	5	53	28
R B Richardson c Downton b Small	93	1	8	156	130
*I V A Richards b Hemmings	51	3	4	62	51
A L Logie c Hemmings b Emburey	22	-	3	28	21
C L Hooper c Downton b DeFreitas	8	-	1	10	11
†P J Dujon c Downton b Foster	1	-	-	4	4
R A Harper run out (Hemmings)	3	-	-	5	4
W K M Benjamin c Foster b DeFreitas	8	-	-	18	16
C A Walsh b Hemmings	2	-	-	2	3
B P Patterson not out	4	-	-	10	8
Extras: (lb 7, w 1, nb 1)	9				
Total: (48.1 overs)	235				

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-18, 2-65, 3-147, 4-182, 5-208, 6-211, 7-219, 8-221, 9-224.

BOWLING: DeFreitas 9.1-2-28-3 (nb 1); Foster 10-0-52-1 (w 1); Emburey 9-0-41-2; Small 10-0-61-1; Hemmings 10-0-46-2.

Man of the Match: G A Gooch.

Umpires: M Shah (Pak) and P W Vidanagamage (Sri Lanka).

In the pink in the Pink City: Hemmings about to hug Downton for catching Richardson

Ball and Deacon make up

By Dennis Signy

An hour-long meeting at the Hampshire home of John Deacon, the Portsmouth chairman, and his manager, Alan Ball, ended with peace restored at Fratton Park.

Ball, who had publicly announced after Saturday's 2-1 defeat at Queen's Park Rangers that the game could be his last as Portsmouth's manager, commented: "I took exception to something he said. Now it is buried forever."

Deacon confirmed: "It is all settled and finished," adding, rather cryptically: "There are other things which happen in football, personal things, apart from kicking a ball. I would not disclose what some*one said to me in confidence.*"

Neither Ball, who recently accepted a three-year contract, nor his chairman would elaborate further on the remark that had caused the upset; Ball stressing that it was nothing to do with interference in his job or the proposed resale last week of Ian Baird, Portsmouth's record signing, at £285,000, to Leeds United.

Ball shrugged aside the furore that his own announcement had caused by saying that he was carrying on with his role of running the team and the chairman was getting on with running the club.

What the altercation did reveal, though, was Deacon's displeasure at an expenditure of £750,000 on new players this season, and a current playing staff, including youngsters, of 41 — a high total by most standards.

He made it clear that five contenders for the forwards' shirts — Baird, Connor, Quinn, Mariner and Kerr — was one too many. Connor, a £200,000 acquisition from Brighton and Hove Albion in the summer, is now available after injury, and the directors were looking to a reduction in numbers in that area.

Wark's decision is agony for Bassett

By Ian Stafford

Dave Bassett's problems were exacerbated yesterday when John Wark, almost on the verge of signing at the weekend, turned down the chance to join Watford after talking to his wife.

The Liverpool midfield player, aged 33, met the Watford manager, Bassett last Friday, having also spoken to Manchester City, Leicester City and Ipswich Town, his previous club. With his chances of a first team recall at Anfield all the more remote following the arrival of Ray Houghton, Wark had indicated that he was interested in moving to Vicarage Road. But after discussing the situation with his wife, the Scottish international decided that the property price gap would prove too costly to warrant the move.

"It is a big disappointment because I was optimistic that he would sign," Bassett admitted. "*But that is* the way our luck has been recently," he added, two days after seeing his side slump to penultimate position in the first division after losing for the seventh time in eleven games this season, this time at Everton.

"Wark would have been a really useful acquisition and would have filled one part of the jigsaw we still need. He is a very experienced player, who takes up good positions, and regularly scores from midfield." Since Watford have scored only five goals and have been discouraged by the contribution of their £325,000 pre-season signing from Reading, Trevor Senior, *a prolific scorer at his former* club, Wark's decision will be particularly hard to bear.

"There have been times recently when I have been despondent about the present situation," Bassett admitted, "but I must pick myself up. These things happen, and before things get better they normally get a little worse. Every new manager has to face problems, but if I did not believe the tide will turn I would pack it all in."

The Wark news will not make Watford's visit to Swindon tomorrow night, for the third round of the Littlewoods Cup; any easier. "If you want your luck to change I could think of better places to go than Swindon," Bassett said. "It will be a very difficult match and we will have to battle every minute. In the meantime I am looking hard for, in particular, a top goalscorer and a quality midfield man."

Scarborough awarded assistance by Trust

Scarborough, whose first game in the Football League was marred by crowd trouble, have been offered £15,000 by the Football Trust to assist with the cost of the installation of closed circuit television cameras.

The Trust has also awarded Oldham £20,000 for new changing accomodation to be used by the general public, and Southport £12,750 to carry out safety work at their Northern Premier League ground.

However, Peterborough United have problems of different nature. A High Court judge yesterday made an order putting the management and control of the club into the hands of joint administrators. Justice Peter Gibson made the order at the request of the fourth division side after hearing that it had accumulated losses of £411,000 since 1973.

Derby County have been forced to switch the date of their first division game at home to *Manchester United* for a second time because of police objections to their revised date. It was originally scheduled for November 7, changed to November 4, and has now been *put back to* December 2.

SIS over another obstacle

By John Goodbody

The Office of Fair Trading (OFT) yesterday confirmed that the revised agreement between the bookmakers and Satellite Information Services (SIS), which beams horseracing into Britain's betting shops, is not to be referred to the Restrictive Practices Court.

But a spokeswoman for the OFT said that the investigation on the more general *question of* betting on horse and greyhound racing, and whether it should be referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission, was still going on.

Last year the Big Four bookmakers decided among themselves to subscribe only to SIS, in which they have 45 per cent of the equity. But they recently entered into a revised agreement with the Racecourse Association after comments from the OFT.

The OFT has ruled that Ladbrokes, Coral, William Hill and Mecca and also the Tote, which has five per cent of the shares, are free to accept television coverage from any company, including SIS, whose chief executive, John Beard, said: "It is nice to have it all out in the open. The road is now clear for us to place the remaining 40 per cent in the company."

International talent on show

By Keith Macklin

The first nine-a-side competition will be staged at Wigan's Central Park tomorrow night and there will be 20 internationals on view. Eight sides are taking part, six from England, Castleford, Halifax, Hull KR, St Helens, Warrington, Wigan, and the touring sides Papua New Guinea and Auckland.

In addition to the many Great Britain internationals, there are Mark Elia, Joe Ropati and Ross Taylor, and the Australian full back, Graham Eadie.

Wigan and Auckland start favourites for this televised competition, with Auckland leaping into favour after coming from 22-4 behind to win 29-25 at Leeds on Saturday.

Both touring teams are in action tonight . Papua New Guinea, anxious to restore their own confidence and self respect after the 42-0 thrashing from Great Britain on Saturday, play Yorkshire at Headingley, while Auckland have an extremely tough task at Warrington.

The disciplinary committee will on Thursday sit in judgment on Ron Gibbs, the Manly-Warringah international forward who was sent off in the world championship challenge match at Wigan.

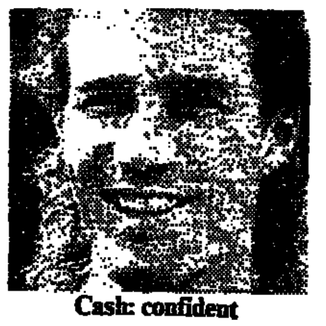
Any suspension imposed by the committee could pose an international problem, since there is some uncertainty as to whether a suspension imposed in this country would be applicable to domestic competition matches played by Gibbs in Australia.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Aberavon warning

Aberavon will receive a warning about their future behaviour from the Welsh Rugby Union this week after having three players sent off within five days last week, one against Penarth and two against Bridgend on Saturday.

The WRU's current disciplinary code provides for a warning letter; in such circumstances; a fourth dismissal would earn the club a £50 fine and any subsequent breach within the 1987-8 season would bring the possibility of suspension of playing activ*ities. Such a suspension* has been imposed on several junior Welsh clubs


Cash: confident

Cash back

Pat Cash is back to play in London for the first time since winning Wimbledon - and confident of another victory. He is here for next month's Benson and Hedges tournament, and said: "I'm in pretty good form and I'm certainly not worried about the opposition."

Festival fare

The Callers-Pegasus cricket festival will take place for the eight successive year at Jesmond, Newcastle next July.

Hardy defence

Billy Hardy, the British bantamweight champion, is set to make the first defence of his title next March, after an operation for a damaged cartilage. He will face Liverpool's John Hyland.

Moorhouse in

Adrian Moorhouse, of Leeds, not surprisingly has been preselected for *Britain's* team to contest the European Cup in Monaco on December 12/13.

Tennis doubles prize

Tomorrow *The Times* features a sports competition with an exciting first prize – a weekend for four people in *London*, including a box at the Royal *Albert Hall* as guests of Schweppes for the final of the Nabisco Masters world doubles tennis tournament in December

END COLUMN

School game set stiff test

By Ivo Tennant

At a time of widespread enthusiasm for cricket among all age groups in Britain the game in the schools is beset with problems. Many schools lack facilities and state and independent schools are experiencing a further difficulty: fitting all their traditional fixtures into the summer term.

The introduction of GCSE examinations and earlier A level sittings are the cause of the problems, according to the headmaster of a leading state school. Dick Precktor, of Oxford School, said that the state and independent sectors would be affected by an increasing number of exams and changing term dates.

"In 1988 all exams will be sat over a longer period than ever before," he said. "Local authorities have not thought out the effect of extramural activities at all through being too often concerned with political issues. GCSE exams are going to heighten tensions."

The changes in exam times are likely to result in a three-week gap between the ending of the summer term in independent and state schools. This would affect the MCC Schools Festival, held in Oxford in the middle of July and incorporating the 44 best cricketers in state and independent schools. The latter will have broken up 10 days before the festival; the state sector will still be embroiled in school activities.

The warden of another Oxford school, the independently run St Edwards, was so concerned at what he termed "an impending crisis" over the future of schools cricket that he called a meeting of 28 cricket masters from leading public schools earlier this month. John Phillips said that the traditional fixture list could not be continued because the Oxford and Cambridge board which holds the sitting of A levels a week earlier than hitherto. "A levels have to be given proper priority," he said.

The masters determined to hold more fixtures at the end of term and at the beginning of the summer holidays so that fewer games would be played in midweek. Fixtures on Sundays were acceptable to only a *dozen of the masters present.* In the 1980s academic qualifications are of greater importance than the winning of colours.

The warden of Radley, Dennis Silk, was in favour of introducing limited overs cricket. In response to the comments by one master that a draw was often a good result at schoolboy level, he said that too many schools were more worried about losing than about winning. Backing for 55 overs a side matches came from Stuart Turner, the former Essex cricketer and one of its finest exponents. He is now in charge of the game at *Forest* School.

The representative from Eton said that if the fixture list had to be cut it would mean his school losing a long-established match such as their annual one against the Butterflies, that most famous of clubs. He also said that if schools did not have matches on Sundays it would enable boys to play for their county schoolboy sides. Few masters were in support of a league table being introduced for schools cricket.

Silk: worries over losing

Many of the masters present last week and, no *doubt*, their old boys would like to see schools cricket return to what they regard as its rightful place in society: given prominence at Lord's at the end of term. It would be one way of countering exam deadlines. Thirty years ago what amounted to a schools festival took place at headquarters; now but two schools play there, Eton and Harrow. Their match is the oldest fixture at Lord's, which does much to secure its continuity.

Considering the amount of cricket played at Lord's, this is in all probability a fanciful wish. Nevertheless, it is an indication of the breadth of thinking to help overcome this, the latest little local difficulty in schools' cricket. At the end of the meeting masters were busy reorganizing *their traditional* fixture lists.

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